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BADOGGIO CLAIMS ABYSSINIAN ARMY COMPLETELY ROUTED

Large Quantities Of Arms Material Seized



The prospect of Austria being incorporated into the Little Entente was mentioned in a recent speech at Paris by Dr. Milan Hodra, above, Prime Minister of Czechoslovakia.

ARMY OFFICER WEDS

Colourful Scene At St. John's

HAMILTON-GERRARD

A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. John's Cathedral this afternoon when Miss Beatrice Margaret Gerrard, elder daughter of Prof. W. I. and Mrs. Gerrard, of the University, became the bride of Lt. Archibald Claude Hamilton, 24th Regiment, South Wales Borderers, son of Lt. Col. A. F. Hamilton, M.C., of Jersey.

The Rev. H. W. Baines officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of old parchment satin duchesse with long tulle effect following the train (Lucien Lelong model) and a corsage of blossoms, keying into place a little modesty veil, making a beautiful and new arrangement. She carried a bouquet of arum lilies.

The bridesmaids were the Misses Heather Gerrard, Vera Hodgson and Wendy Joseph and they wore dresses of petals de rose faille, a copy of a Schiaparelli robe de style. They carried red roses on their muffs. The bride's mother's dress was of lovely uncrushable Liberty black velvet, with one of the newest long capes and hat to match. All the dresses were made by Madame Chiffon.

Lt. C. C. Garthwaite, R.A., was the best man, and Lt. J. B. Johnson, R.W.F., Lt. H. de B. Prichard, R.W.F., Lt. E. C. Parker-Jervis, R.W.F., and Lt. G. R. Q. Henriques, R.A., were the groomsmen.

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BOND EXCHANGE IN SHANGHAI

\$300,000 Lost During Suspension

Shanghai, To-day.

The morning session of the Bond Exchange was suspended to-day to allow for payment of additional margins by operators selling long and the delivery of bonds by those selling short. The process was scheduled to be completed by noon and it was stated that the market would re-open at 2.30 p.m.

It is estimated that the Exchange suffered a loss of \$300,000 during the suspension, inasmuch as commission averaged some \$20,000 dollars daily. — Reuter.

ELECTIONS IN SPAIN

LEFT PARTIES SECURE VICTORY

STATE OF ALARM IN MADRID

Madrid, To-day.

A state of siege has been declared at Madrid following the defection of the specially recruited shock police, who joined the Communist crowds shouting for an amnesty for political offenders. The Government concede that the Left Front have definitely secured an electoral majority in Madrid, and appeal for the preservation of order throughout the country.

Later: It is now stated that not a state of siege but a state of alarm, extending to the whole of Spain, has been proclaimed. The state of alarm is the first of three degrees of martial law, of which the state of siege is the second.

The defection of the shock police was first manifested when the captain of a mounted squadron ordered them to charge the crowds on the Campo Inos, in the Communist quarter, who were threatening the Radical Party building. Only five police obeyed and they were stranded in the middle of oceans of people, whereupon they themselves joined the mob and were carried shoulder high. Red flags were much in evidence.

R.A.F. GOODWILL FLIGHT

Third Boat Leaving Manila To-morrow

Manila, To-day.

The third R.A.F. flying-boat is taking off to-morrow morning direct for Amoy, to join the other two planes. The plane conducted a test flight over Manila last evening. — Reuter.

The two flying boats now in Hong Kong have not yet left the Colony for Amoy and are waiting for the fog-bank and weather to clear up.

FORCED TO RETURN

Later: The two Royal Air Force Flying Boats under the command of Air Commodore Sydney Smith, O.B.E., Air Officer Commanding the Royal Air Force, Far East, left the Colony to-day at noon for Amoy, but were compelled to return to the Colony owing to a thick fog-bank on the coast.

AIR ATTACK ON LONDON

Extensive Tests In Operation

London, To-day.

A test for the efficiency, control and intelligence of the air defence of London took place yesterday, when 72 bombers started a 24-hour day and night attack on the strategic areas of London. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

DR. C. T. WANG HELD UP

Trip South Believed Significant

Shanghai, To-day. — Dr. C. T. Wang, who was scheduled to leave for Canton by plane this morning, has been delayed by heavy fog. — Reuter.

Later: Ostensibly connected with a Rotary affair, Dr. C. T. Wang's visit to Canton is believed in authoritative quarters to be for the purpose of explaining to the South-west leaders Nanking's foreign policy, especially towards Japan. Considerable significance is therefore attaching to the trip. — Reuter.



Governor Harold Hoffman of New Jersey signs Bruno Hauptmann's 30-day reprieve as Attorney-General David Wheat (centre) and Prosecutor Anthony Hauck look on at Trenton, New Jersey. The Governor's political opponents threatened his impeachment for this act.

CHINA'S FOREIGN LOAN SERVICE

REPRESENTATIONS STILL UNNECESSARY

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons, replying to Major-General Sir A. W. F. Knox (C., Wycombe), Mr. Anthony Eden said that he understood that the transfer of a proportion of the Customs and salt revenues collected in Manchuria to the Chinese Government was contingent upon the settlement of the difficulties with the present regime in Manchuria.

While the security of the loans secured thereon was inevitably impaired by this diversion of revenues, apart from a temporary suspension over a short period beginning in 1928 of the amortisation payments on the 1912 loan, the payments on both loans are being regular.

MALCOLM MACDONALD TAKES HIS SEAT

Introduced By His Father

London, To-day.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald took his seat in Parliament yesterday. He was introduced by his father, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, and Captain Margesson, Chief Government Whip. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

ly discharged. There had been only a temporary suspension of the service in 1912 and 1913, and of the reorganisation loans for a short period in 1928.

As long as the services of these loans were being paid Mr. Eden did not think that representations to the Chinese and Manchukuo authorities need arise. — Reuter.

Union Castle Liner's Mishap

London, To-day. — The Union Castle liner Winchester, Castle, which went ashore near Portland Hill on Sunday night on her homeward journey from South Africa, docked at Southampton yesterday afternoon, only 8 1/2 hours later, having made the 60 miles from Westport after being refuelled under her own steam. The passengers and crew were all charged.

The actual extent of the damage will not be known until after the vessel enters dry docks for examination. During the period when the passengers had to stand by the lifeboat stations and the danger was past, calm prevailed and the time was passed in community singing. The passengers paid tribute on landing yesterday to the seamanship and helpfulness of the ship's crew. — British Wire Service.

SECOND BATTLE IN OGADEN AREA

SIMULTANEOUS ATTACK ON BOTH FRONTS

ETHIOPIANS SCOUT RUMOURS OF ITALIAN CONTROL IN TEMBIEN

Rome, To-day.

The claim that the enemy has been completely routed was made by Marshal Badoglio in a communique describing the battle of Amba Aradam. It says that large quantities of arms material were captured, including the insignia of rank and decorations of Ras Mulugeta. It concludes: "The armed forces of Fascist Italy, animated by the uncontrollable will to victory, defeated the most warlike troops of Abyssinia, on which the Emperor based his greatest hopes."

Addis Ababa: Nothing is yet known about the battle south of Makale, but it is unofficially reported that General Graziani and Ras Nasibu are engaged in a battle in the Ogaden region. Thus the Italians are making a simultaneous offensive on the northern fronts. It is also reported that 4,000 Eritreans deserted from the Italian forces and crossed the border into Kenya, pursued by Italian air and land forces. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

Addis Ababa: Semi-official opinion admits that it is possible that the Abyssinians lost heavily in the battle south of Makale, but the Italian claim to have gained control of Tembien is ridiculed. It is stated that the beleaguered garrison in Makale, realising that their communications were cut, made a sortie to the south which was preceded by an intense artillery bombardment from the outskirts of Makale.

It is denied that the Italians have driven a wedge between the armies of Ras Mulugeta and Ras Seyoum.

JUBILATION IN ROME

Mussolini Sends Congratulations

"ROMAN BRAVERY"

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.

Signor Mussolini has sent the following telegrams to Marshal Badoglio:

"The news of the triumph of Aradam fills the Italian people with pride. I express to Your Excellency, who led the battle, to the officers and men, who wrested the victory with Roman bravery, the expression of my warmest recognition and the thanks of the Fatherland."

In Italy papers with the first news of the victory were literally torn out of the hands of the newboys.

STOP PRESS

London, To-day.

The suggestion that their appeal furnishes a golden opportunity for visitors to the Chinese Art Exhibition to express their sense of appreciation of Chinese culture is made by the Rev. J. Scott Liddell, Mr. G. W. Swire and Mr. Percy Roby in a letter to The Times on behalf of the Universities' China Committee appealing for gifts of money and books for the purpose of assisting the restoration of the Oriental Library at Shanghai.

They point out that an international committee has been established in Shanghai with a view to obtaining a representative collection of European and American books and the Universities' Committee has undertaken to follow an appeal in this country and hopes to be able to send out a really representative collection of British works. — Reuter.

WANG CHING-WEI FOR EUROPE

Generalissimo Bids Him Farewell

Shanghai, To-day.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei is boarding the liner Gneissau this evening and will sail to-morrow morning for Europe to recuperate his health. He will be accompanied by Mr. Tang Ching-min, ex-Vice-Minister of Railways, General and Madame Chang Kai-shek arrived in Shanghai on Sunday morning to bid him farewell and returned to Nanking the same afternoon. — Reuter.

THEATRE MAGNETS DEATH

Los Angeles, To-day. — The death has occurred of Alexander Pantages, the millionaire theatre magnate. — Reuter.

MAIL SCHEDULES

AIR MAIL

Imperial Airways via Singapore
Bangkok-Amsterdam via Singapore
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10 a.m. Ordinary 10.30 a.m.
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days and Fridays, Reg. 10 a.m.
Ordinary 10.30 a.m.
Canton-Lungchow—Saturdays, Reg.
4.30 p.m. Ordinary 5.00 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays Reg. 10
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At Kowloon Central Post Office
the mails will be closed 1/2 hour be-
fore the above times.

INWARD MAILS
FROM EUROPE

Santia (Imperial Service) Feb. 18
Santia Feb. 18
Corfu (via Suez) Feb. 20

FROM SHANGHAI

Gneisenau Feb. 21
Kitsano Maru Feb. 21
Pres. Grant Feb. 21
Cathay Feb. 21
Rio de Janeiro Maru Feb. 22
Conte Verde Feb. 23
Chenonceaux Feb. 25
Memnon Feb. 25
Terestias Feb. 25
Burdwan Feb. 28

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Somali Feb. 18
Santia Feb. 18
Nagato Maru Feb. 20
Pres. Grant Feb. 21
Toba Maru Feb. 21
Tango Maru Feb. 27

FROM U.S.A.

Pres. Grant Feb. 21
Emp. of Japan Feb. 28

FROM MANILA

Atsuta Maru Feb. 20
Pres. Hoover Feb. 21
General Lee Feb. 21

FROM JAPAN

Kitsano Maru Feb. 21
Pres. Grant Feb. 21
Cathay Feb. 21
Tokawa Maru Feb. 27
Emp. of Japan Feb. 28

FROM AUSTRALIA

Atsuta Maru Feb. 20

OUTWARD MAILS
FOR EUROPE

Tatsuta Maru (via Siberia) Feb. 18
Closes: Reg. 5 p.m. Ord. 8.30 a.m.
Cathay (via Marseilles) Feb. 21
Closes: Reg. 9.45 a.m.
Ord. 10.30 a.m.
Athos II (via Siberia) Feb. 22
Corfu (via Siberia) Feb. 22

FOR SHANGHAI

Tatsuta Maru Feb. 18
Athos II Feb. 22
Corfu Feb. 22

FOR JAPAN

Tatsuta Maru Feb. 18
Atsuta Maru Feb. 21
Athos II Feb. 22
Corfu Feb. 22

FOR U.S.A.

Tatsuta Maru Feb. 18
Corfu Feb. 22

FOR MANILA

Tjibadak Feb. 18
Changde Feb. 18
Kitsano Maru Feb. 21
Pres. Grant Feb. 22

OUR BOOTS AND
SHOESThe Low Heel Is
Returning

The announcement that flatter
heels are coming into being is
welcome to many who can still per-
ceive the ridiculousness of being
perched upon two pegs from which
the wearer is continually slipping
to one side.

It is always complained that
Englishwomen walk badly, and this
is often true, but it would perhaps
be truer to say that they look as
though their feet are uncomfort-
able. Yet the difficulty of procur-
ing comfortable shoes which yet
look smart is indicative of the de-
mand for shoes which do not meet
this problem. Young women, fol-
lowed by older women, have long
had a preference for the high
pin-heel which tips them forward
on their toes and is high enough
to make all walking a matter of
dislocation. The pointed toe
which used to crush the feet of the
Victorians out of shape has for-
tunately gone out. Also shoes
have to be big enough to contain
the foot instead of crushing it, as
used to be the case. It is per-
missible to wear seams without
inviting the rivalry of all and
sundry.

The Low Heel

The low heel, even for sporting
purposes, has long remained in the
category of the dowdy, and it
would seem as though it had been
made dowdy of set purpose, for
any shoe capable of keeping out
the water has been endowed with
a heel of such monstrous propor-
tions as to look thoroughly un-
suitable for anything except moun-
tain-climbing. One of the smartest
heels is the moderate Cuban. This
allows for a good line to the in-
step, upon which depends the
general smartness of a shoe. The
heel can be still more modified for
walking purposes. An egg-shaped
heel satisfies most people and shoes
should be so shaped that they
come up with the foot even when
not tied or strapped. Shoes have
improved vastly in the matter of
ventilation. The natural foot now
remains to be cultivated and ad-
mired as it is, instead of in some
Chinese-torture attitude, which
makes nature itself seem strange.

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Cremer Feb. 20
Cathay Feb. 21
Rio de Janeiro Maru Feb. 22

FOR AUSTRALIA

Changde Feb. 18
Kitsano Maru Feb. 22

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warded by the first service available.



The Evening Fashion

HAS ITS COLOUR
CHARTS

Colours of the moment present
a certain amount of difficulty for
the season. For day-time the
"chic" world adheres to black and
dark tones in brown, green, a
deep red and purple.

The same darker hues require
clever presentation for night-
time. They are easier than the
lightest colourless choice, such as
ice-blue, off-the-white, parchment,
honey-comb, a faint-blackberry, a
river-green, a rainbow-blue, stone-
grey, brown-grey, white-grey. The
many greys, including off-silver,
are a colour study themselves.
They are colder, these greys, but
more interesting than the pale
beige range.

Blush-rose is almost an egg-
shell shade, again just off-the-
white and on-to-the-pink. That
old-fashioned rose known as the
maiden's blush is still paler. In
fact, its single petals are almost
white. Nearer its centre, however,
a faint shell-pink glow accounts
for its whimsical name! Such a
colour can look marvellous worn
by the platinum-blond, and
would be an admirable choice for
the hunt-ball, as a foil to the pink
coats of the men.

It is one of the very few "inde-
finite" colours that, if well pre-
sented, can hold its own in a large
crowd.

Transparent Blacks

The generality of girls dancing
with the pink coats look their best
in transparent black or all-white;
sometimes a matching red-pink
looks well. Apple-green and lotus-
yellow and a bright purple have
a distinguished air.

In a multi-coloured scheme the

graduated rainbow frocks in
striped silks or satin can look
very original in a large ballroom.
Billowing skirts, with short
Empire waists in a harmonious
assemblage of shadings suitable
to the same era in curious faded
browns, greens, and pinks, look
well.

Fashion is full of interesting
surprises, for though we may be
somewhat absorbed in the charms
of the off colours, we suddenly
come upon the richness of the
Renaissance, for absurdities of
Napoleonic dresses and jewels.
The head ornaments and heavy
gilt, gem-studded bracelets,
earrings and brooches, all are Em-
pire in feeling, and yet they can
always reappear from time to time
with a fair chance of success.

CHILDREN'S COATS

Children's school coats and
waterproofs are sometimes torn at
the back of the collar where the
loops or chains for hanging are at-
tached. A covered bone-ring of
medium size is a good substitute
for a loop, and is more easily slip-
ped on or off a hook. A small
strip of binding, or of sateen
matching the coat lining, should
be stitched in place to strengthen
the collar before the ring is at-
tached.

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ESSENCE CRASIS
RETRIEVED
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CURES WERIS SERIS
ACID BLANCS HOPE
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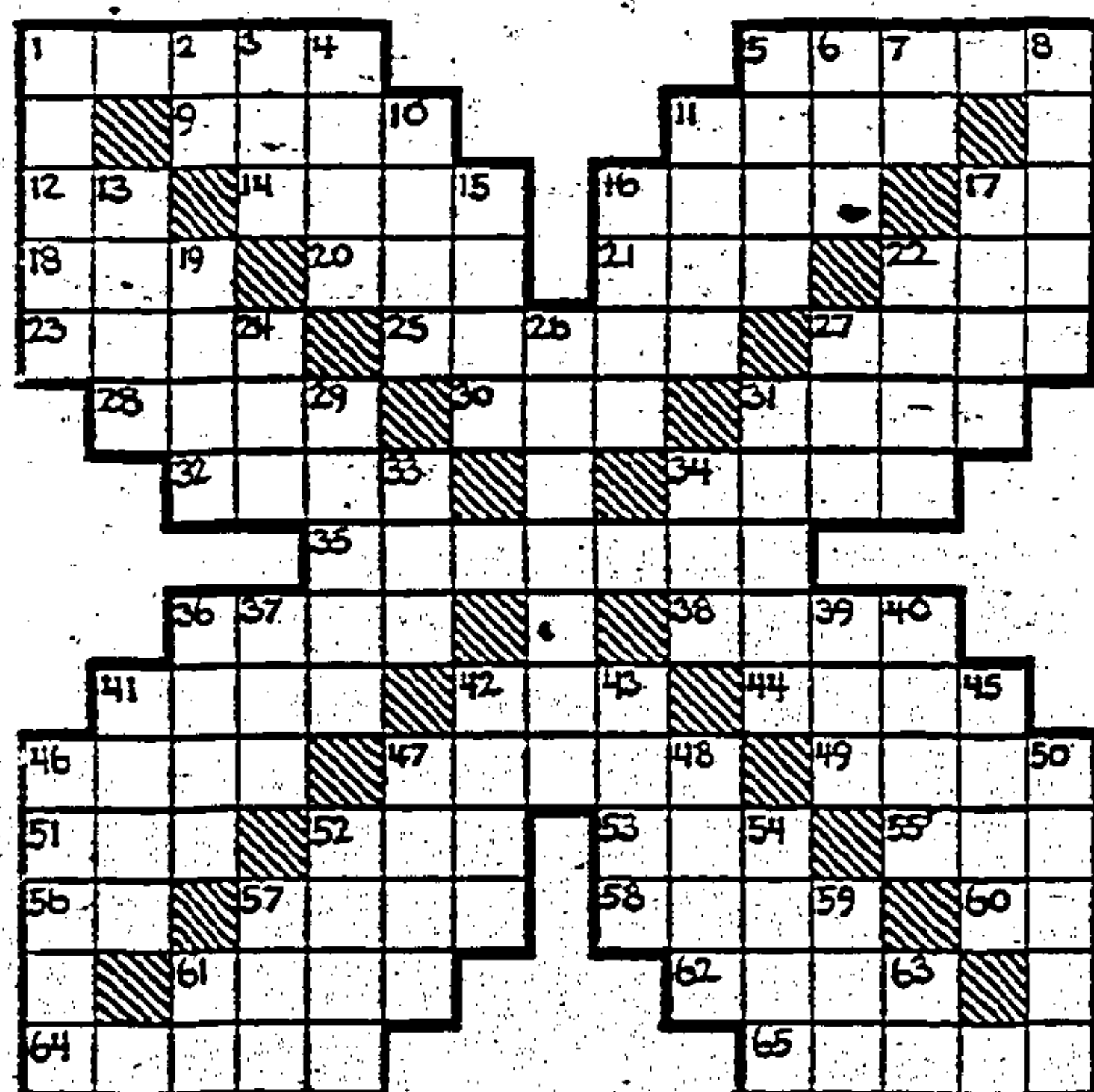


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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL
1-Earliest
5-Divide
9-Melodies
11-Learn
12-Because
14-Golf mounds
16-Bard
17-Father
18-Mineral spring
20-Addition to one side
21-Crimson
22-Small child
23-Musical instrument
25-Intertwines
27-Antecedent
28-Check
30-Attempt
31-Row
32-Bell
34-Costumes
35-Having more assets
than liabilities
36-Destiny
37-Precious stones
41-Cures hides
42-Ar insect
44-A thoroughfare
45-Go by
47-Inched
48-A pastry (pl.)

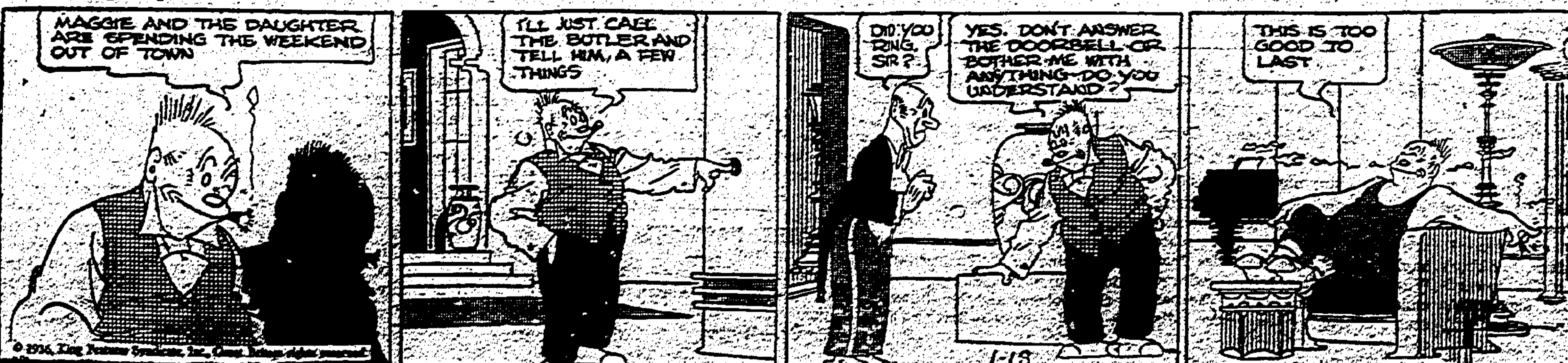
HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
51-Science
52-Before
53-Bow the head
55-Permit
56-Pronoun
57-A vehicle (pl.)
58-Afternoon parties
59-Mother
61-Conflicts
62-Stocky part of a
plant
64-Percolates
65-Perform

VERTICAL
1-Bolt of lightning
2-Egyptian god
3-Rest
4-Large plant
5-Molt
6-Strike
7-Indefinite article
8-Excite
10-Barter
11-Digits
12-Lid
15-Narrow strip of
wood
16-Take booty
17-Opening in the skin

VERTICAL (Cont.)
19-Greek god of war
22-Weight measure
(pl.)
24-Deep hole
26-Longing
27-Adequate
28-Bird homes
31-Tardier
33-American poet
34-A division of Great
Britain (abbr.)
35-Rapid
37-Answer (abbr.)
38-Sop
40-Part of a ship
41-Small pastry
42-Grows old
43-Canvas shelter
44-Judge
45-Couples
47-Makes a mistake
48-Performs
50-Begin
52-Organ of the body
(pl.)
54-Tropical fruit
57-Lid
58-Japanese coin
61-You and I
63-West Austr.
(abbr.)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle
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Company Meetings

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd February 1936, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1935. The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 10th February to SATURDAY, the 22nd February 1936 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager,
Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1936.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 5th March, 1936, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1935.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 21st February 1936, to THURSDAY, the 5th March, 1936, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
F. H. CRAPNELL,
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Hong Kong, 12th February, 1936.

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GOVERNMENT
NOTICES

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Biscuits.
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The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

SPORT NOTICES

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1936
22nd, 24th, 25th, 26th, and
27th February, 1936

ON SATURDAY, 22nd, MONDAY, 24th, TUESDAY, 25th, and WEDNESDAY, 26th, February, the first race will be run at 11.00 a.m. and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On SATURDAY, 27th, February, the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The time interval will be taken after the fifth race on the first four days.

MEMBERS BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for all clubs, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 2794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, Telephone No. 21920.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission of the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day, including tax for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, the "Tae men," etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting. Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary,
Hong Kong, 17th February, 1936.

THE BATTLE OF
ENDERTAImportant Italian
VictoryOF GREAT STRATEGIC
IMPORTANCE—CHINA MAIL SPECIAL—
Addis Ababa, To-day.

The recently concluded battle for the possession of the 3,000-meters high chain of mountains of Amba Aradam, termed officially by the Italians the "Battle of Enderta," ended by the storming of the mountain chain and the highest peak by detachments of the Italian "23rd of March" Black Shirt division under the command of the Duke of Pistoia.

Italian artillery and air force played an important part in the battle, and the fighting lasted several days.

By the outcome of the battle the road leading into the Buja plain is now open to the Italians. The capture of the Aradam mountain is strategically of great importance, since the troops of Ras Muligeta will no longer be able to effect a junction with the forces of Ras Seyoum and Ras Kassa, and may therefore be forced to retire from the Tembien District.

ARTILLERY SILENCED

The strength of the Abyssinian forces engaged in the fighting of the last days is estimated at about 80,000 men, who, it is said, were partly commanded by white officers. The Abyssinian artillery, it is said, was rapidly silenced by the accurate fire of the Italians.

The Italian Supreme Command highly praises the courage of the Abyssinians, who tried again and again to advance under the heaviest fighting.

The military and even perhaps the political effects of this victory, which the Italians claim to be of the "same importance as the Graziani victory on the south front, can hardly be foreseen. It is however predicted that the "Battle of Enderta" will win a place in history as one of the most important and most decisive actions of the present Italo-Abyssinian war.

REPRISALS FROM ROME

Rome. Some 3,500 models for dresses are stated by the Rome correspondent of *Le Jour* to have been designed by the Italian "Fashion Committee" for the coming spring season. These models will, by way of reprisals for sanctions—be substituted for those of the French dressmaking establishments which, so the paper observes, will thus have to pay the cost of the French Government's mistaken policy towards Italy—Trans-Ocean Service.

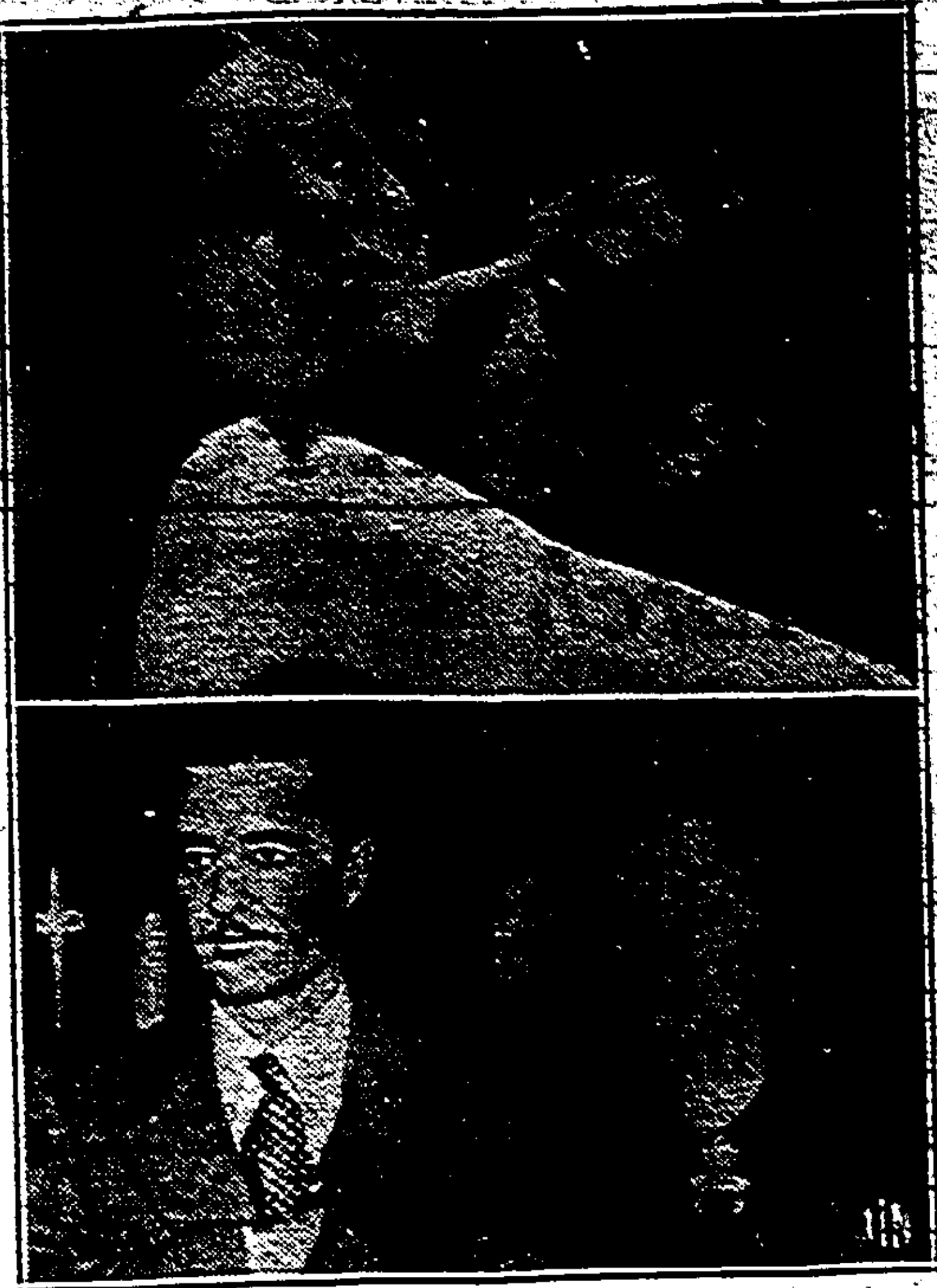
POLITICS IN
FRANCEPress Comments On
The DemonstrationsFURTHER DEMANDS EXPECTED
FROM LEFT—CHINA MAIL SPECIAL—
Paris, To-day.

Two of the leading organs of the Socialist front, the *Humanite* and the *Populaire*, gloat over the success of the monster demonstration staged here by the members of the Left Wing on Sunday, which, according to the Left papers, is estimated to have been attended by several hundred thousand persons, and presage in consequence further demands by the Left-wing organisations.

The Right-wing press, on the other hand, voices its indignation that such an "illegal manifestation" was allowed to take place and point out that a police permit had not been obtained by the members of the Left Wing three days before the holding of the demonstration, as the law demands.

"The Government alone is responsible for the unleashing of this revolutionary wave," writes the *Echo de Paris*, which declares that it was sorry for the spectacle of Parisians being forced to watch for hours passing red flags and to listen to the tune of the Internationale.—Trans-Ocean Service.

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Vocal Road Central, ground-floor (side door); and an application for a dangerous and offensive trade licence for cleaning slush from at No. 20, Tsang San Lane, West, second floor.
In addition the regular returns will be tabled.



Movie fans remember vividly the great lover role the late John Gilbert played with Greta Garbo, seen at top, in "Flesh and the Devil," which made him the romantic idol of the silent screen. Below he is shown with Marlene Dietrich, his close friend, as they attended a Hollywood premiere. In the last picture made of the dashing star before his sudden death last month.

INSURANCE AGAINST
KING'S DEATH
£500,000 IN CLAIMS

London, January 22.—The insurance market will pay claims amounting to a considerable sum as a result of the death of the King.

First there are a number of policies effected by theatre ticket agencies and others whose regular business is likely to be disturbed by a death in the Royal family or any other event resulting in a period of national mourning. Statements have been made that these insurances total £19,000,000.

URBAN COUNCIL

Danger Of Yellow
Fever

TO-DAY'S MEETING

At this afternoon's meeting of the Urban Council a letter from the Government relative to the election of Dr. Chan Sek-kien as a member of the Urban Council will be considered.

The Chairman, pursuant to notice, will move:—

"That in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935, and of all other powers in that behalf enabling, the Urban Council makes the following additional by-law under the heading 'Dangerous and Offensive Trades' set forth in Schedule A to the said Ordinance:—

15. The trades of chromium-plating and wood oil extraction are declared to be offensive trades."

Yellow Fever Menace
Dr. Li Shu Fan, pursuant to notice, will ask:—

"In view of the possible introduction of yellow fever into the Colony through the rapid development of aerial transportation, will the Chairman kindly furnish answers to the following questions?

I. Does the species of mosquito known as *Aedes argenteus* which is responsible for the transmission of the disease exist:—

(a) in the Colony?
(b) in what other parts of Asia, if known?

II. What precautions are being or will be undertaken by the Government with a view to safeguarding against the introduction of this dreaded disease?"

Correspondence

There will also be considered correspondence relative to the appointment of the officers to act under Ordinance 8 of 1935 (section 2), and to act as Food Officers under Ordinance 13 of 1935 (section 2); an application for a food factory licence for meat preserving at No. 34, Eastern Street, third floor; an application for an eating house licence at No. 154, Des

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BRIDGE NOTES

SAVING A
THROW-IN

By Ely Culbertson

The defenders, particularly at notrump, should be wary before they cash all their available tricks, unless by so cashing them they can set the contract. Sometimes if a player takes too many tricks he will squeeze his partner; this unusual situation is called the "Suicide Squeeze." On other occasions a player, by relinquishing an available trick, can save himself from a throw-in, and that is exactly what happened when the deal below was played.

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

S K Q 9
H J 7 4
D 7 6 4
C K 6 4 2
S 10 8 4 N S 7 6 5
H K 9 5 W E H 8 3 2
D K Q 10 9 2 S D 8 5 3
C 10 7 S A J 3 2
H A Q 10 6
D A J
C A 9 3

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs).

South West North East
1S (1) 2D (2) 2S (3) Pass
3H (4) Pass 3S (5) Pass
3NT (6) Pass Pass (7) Pass
1—Except with 4-3-3-3 distribution the suit bid is preferred to notrump. South is prepared to reach a game in one of his majors.

2—A dangerous overall, though as the cards lay West could have been defeated only three tricks. 3—North's barren distribution makes this a doubtful raise. 4—An inferential forcing bid since if South did not wish to reach game he could have passed two spades in full confidence that the trump suit was satisfactory. 5—North cannot pass, so he makes the weakest response available. 6—Now South shows the balanced distribution and asserted strength of his hand. 7—Fearing that 10 tricks may be impossible and that nine tricks may be won, North decides to risk the notrump contract.

West opened the King of diamonds and South won with his Ace rather than reveal his lack of a second stopper by following with the Jack. After winning the diamond Ace, South ran four rounds of spades, on the fourth of which West discarded the nine of hearts. Sometimes such discards cannot be trusted since a player in West's position will throw a high card from a weak holding in order to make declarer think he is strong in that suit.

In this case, however, South decided to trust West's discard because West's bid had marked him with the King of hearts. South then did some counting and decided West had originally held five diamonds, three spades and three hearts and he must therefore have only two clubs. South proceeded to strip these clubs from West's hand by cashing the Ace and King of clubs. South then played the Jack of diamonds and West, winning the trick with the King, was in the lead.

At this point West could have cashed three more diamond tricks but then he would have had nothing to lead but a heart and a lead of that suit into South's tenace would have lost the game. Rather than give up, West did not cash another of his high diamonds, but let the diamond deuce in order to put East in. (West knew that it was East and not South who held the diamond eight, for had South's Jack been guarded, he could have taken the heart finesse without fear.)

The underlead of this high diamond was the only play to save that game. East took the trick with his diamond eight and promptly cashed the Queen, Jack and King of clubs. On these three tricks South's remaining established diamonds, having the guarded King of hearts, South next led a heart through West's King, but South's Ace-Queen and South's Ace-King and South's Ace-King could not avoid giving West the heart King which was the fifth trick for his side.

The changed itinerary of the magnificent Empress of Britain is an example. Making her fifth world-girdling voyage, she left New York in the beginning of January and picked up 120 British passengers at Madeira. The

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RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11 p.m.—European Programme.
7-11 p.m.—Songs by Sir Harry Lauder.
1. The something in the bottle for the morning.
2. Mr. John Mackay.
3. It's a fine thing to sing.
4. We parted on the Shore.
7.17-7.30 p.m.—A Cello Recital by Pablo Casals.
1. Gavotte Tendre (Billemacher).
2. Menuet (Debussy).
3. Apres-midi (Pam).
4. Chanson Villageoise (Pepper).
7.30-7.45 p.m.—From the Studio.
The 11th of a series of "Educational Talks" by Uncle Mac.
7.45-8 p.m.—Song Memories.
Times of not-so-long-ago.
Drury Lane Memories.
Love Tales (arr. H. Hall).
8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report; Closing Local Stock Quotations.
8.05-8.30 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Jazz Piano Recital by Bill Cameron.
8.30-9 p.m.—Symphony No. 101 in D Minor ("The Clock") (Haydn).
9-9.15 p.m.—Relay of the Daventry News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuters).
9.15-9.35 p.m.—Variety.
Song—
Red Sails in the Sunset.
Al Bowly.
Accordeon Solo—
Lulu's Back in Town.
George Scott-Wood.
Instrumental—
Hawaiian Paradise.
Andy Long and his Islanders.
Song—
Check to Check.
Ginger Rogers.
Organ Solo—
Funeral March of a Marionette.
Sydney Custard.
Vocal—
Musical Comedy Requests.
Les Allen and his Canadian Belchiers.
9.35-10 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Pianoforte Recital by Harry Ore.
Programme—
1. Sonata No. 27 in E Minor....
(a) Con Vivacita.
(b) Non troppo presto.
2. Gavotte....
Valentini (arr. H. Ore).
Gavotte....
Chick (arr. Brahms).
3. The Ed King....
Schubert (arr. Liszt).
10 p.m.—Big Ben.
10.10-10.35 p.m.—Dance Music.
10.35-10.55 p.m.—A Relay from Daventry.
A Talk on "Imperial Affairs" by E. V. Hodgson.
10.55-11 p.m.—Dance Music.
11 p.m.—Close Down.

GENERAL STRIKE
IN SYRIAThree Conditions For
AbandonmentTELEGRAM TO M. FLANDIN
—CHINA MAIL SPECIAL—
Damascus, To-day.

The French military authorities here have arrested three more leaders of the Syrian Nationalist Party who, together with those previously arrested, will remain in custody until the general strike has been called off.

The Nationalist committee in the city of Aleppo sent the Foreign Minister, M. Flandin, a telegram, in which the following conditions for the calling off of the strike were laid down:—

(1) An amnesty for a political offenders condemned in the course of the present conflict, or in connection with the disturbances eleven years ago;

(2) The re-establishment of the constitution of 1928, but without the High Commissioner's right of veto;

(3) The conclusion of a new Franco-Syrian treaty.

It is stated that the French representative on the Permanent Mandates Commission here has affirmed the readiness of the French Government to enter into negotiations concerning the Syrian demands.—Trans-Ocean Service.

she called at Las Palmas, whence she sailed direct for Cape Town.
Suez Annulled.

South African plans on the schedules of the *Francina* and *Belandine* are similar, and thus the Mediterranean and Suez Canal will be added altogether.

All three lines will be in port a day or less. The *Empress of Britain* is expected in March 20, and the *Francina* on April 4, and the *Belandine* on March 20. A different cruise beginning the guarded King of hearts from London, was made by the East next led a heart through West's King, but South's Ace-Queen and South's Ace-King and South's Ace-King could not avoid giving West the heart King which was the fifth trick for his side.



Sporting Page



COMPARATIVELY EASY TASK FOR COLONY HOCKEY SELECTORS

Poor Caer Clark Cup Match



Mrs. White, above, gave the C.B.A. Ladies custody of the Caer Clark Cup for the first time in seven years.

CAER CLARK CUP UNFINISHED

"Y" And H.K. Ladies To Play-Off

SEVEN-SIDE'S DATE NOT YET FIXED

Although the Central British Association Ladies have won the Caer Clark Cup championship, the series is by no means over, as the Hong Kong Ladies will have to meet the "Y" Ladies in a play-off for the runners-up position.

The date of this match has not yet been fixed, but may take place next Saturday on a neutral ground. The date for the semi-final and final rounds of the Pearce Seven-Side hockey tournament and for the junior competition was provisionally fixed for March 7, but in view of this clash with the Men's Interport against Macao, another date, probably an earlier one will have to be found.

"Y" Suffer Losses

The "Y" Ladies, who are the holders of the Pearce Cup, may find it very difficult to field a representative side if the event is held after March 11, as Miss Joyce Adey, one of their forwards, is leaving the Colony for Hong Kong. Mrs. A. B. Henry, who was also a member of the side, has already left the Colony for Shanghai.

The following is the Caer Clark Cup table to date:—

	P	D	L	F	A	Pts.
C.B.A.	8	6	1	1	19	8 13
H.K. Ladies ..	8	5	1	2	12	4 11
"Y" Ladies ..	8	5	1	2	21	11 11
St. Andrew's ..	8	2	0	6	13	25 4
Recreio	8	0	1	7	2	19 1

Totals 40 18 4 18 67 67 40

3 FT. 5 IN. BOXER—AND HE IS A CHAMPION

Paris: Aurel Toma, the 3ft. 5in. fly-weight and feather-weight boxing champion of Rumania, is on a visit here. Winner of 40 fights out of 60, this latest boxing sensation has caused even more gasps than his 7ft. 6in. countryman, Gogea. Toma is 24 years old. In addition to boxing, he is also a keen Rugby football player.



Miss Bryson, above, was good, but was not up to former standard, while Miss Everest tackled well, but distributed poorly.

H.K. LADIES LACKING IN MORAL SUPPORT BUT C.B.A. LADIES FULL VALUE FOR WIN

POOR GROUND RESPONSIBLE FOR SCRAPPY DISPLAY

(By "Sticks")

THE vast difference of playing on one's home ground and before numerous supporters was fully borne out in the all-important Caer Clark Cup classic between the Central British Association Ladies, the new champions, and the Hong Kong Ladies, champions for the last seven seasons, on the former's ground at King's Park on Saturday last.

The cheers which greeted each effort of the winners' attacking movements gave the C.B.A. forwards greater impetus, and the Hong Kong Ladies' eleven must have felt down-hearted playing before a very large crowd of, one could almost say, hostile spectators. No team which has won and retained a trophy for seven consecutive seasons can hope to be very popular.

However, the game was very poor from the spectators' point of view, but the players were not wholly to blame as I have seen "paddy fields" kept in better condition! Many will argue, however, that it was as bad for one side as the other, but there is a vast difference in playing on a good surface first and then on a rough and broken one afterwards. The umpiring was also not as good as I expected it to be.

The goalkeepers, Miss Best (C.B.A.) and Mrs. Lunson, were very level-headed and performed their duties well.

Miss Grey retained her usual composure throughout and undoubtedly saved many dangerous situations, and the same can be said of Miss Walker, who gave one of her best displays in the Colony.

Critics Confounded

Miss Joan Smalley confounded the critics with a very fine display.

Miss P. Woolley was the worst of the four backs on display, causing obstruction very nearly every time she attempted to intercept a pass. She mislaid on several occasions and was by no means safe. Had the Hong Kong Ladies possessed a dangerous right-wing the result might have been reversed.

Mrs. Bell was the outstanding half-back on display and her distribution forward should have seen better results. She was an attacking, as well as defending, half-back, and eclipsed all previous performances of any half-back in the Colony.

Miss I. Woolley was also very good and her spilling had the desired effect throughout. She hit the ball hard and was always well positioned for an interception.

Miss Bryson Off Form

Miss M. Bryson was good, but was not up to former standard, while Miss Everest tackled well, but distributed poorly.

Miss B. Hebling, the Hong Kong Ladies' left-half, was never better and, although very slight of build, hit the ball very hard in her clearances. She spoiled magnificently and her terrier-like methods were never in vain. Miss Glover, the losers' right-half, was off her game slightly, although her clever stickwork atoned for poor play in other departments.

The Hong Kong Ladies must partly blame their forwards for their failure to retain the trophy. With their intermediate line holding their own in defence as well as supplying an abundance of forward passes, the losers' forwards should have been well up the field, ready to take the ball, instead of which, with the exception of Mrs.

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Lieut. J. P. Williams, above, will probably have sufficiently recovered from a hand injury to represent England in the local hockey International tournament.

IRELAND TO HOLD TRIALS

Old Players To Be Capped Again?

FIVE MORE PLAYERS STILL WANTED

Although nothing definite has yet been decided upon, it is understood that the Irish contingent in the local international hockey tournament will be holding their trial matches very shortly.

Lt. Irvine-Andrews, East Lancashire Regiment, who is the Irish representative, is working on last year's material and is also seeking the services of any player qualified for the Irish team.

Among the old players there are Capt. D. W. Persse, Lt. C. Ravenhill, S. C. Archer, Cpl. Kennedy, Lt. Col. Donnellon, Lt. Col. Murphy and Pte. Nolan, and it is more than probable that all of them will be selected again.

It is understood that the Royal Ulster Rifles do not possess any hockey players up to the standard of other Regimental teams.



Miss E. M. Gray, above, was the outstanding left-back on display in last Saturday's Caer Clark Cup classic on the C.B.A. ground.



Lieut. C. C. Garthwaite, above, is a likely candidate for the Colony hockey ride to meet Macao next month.

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY TEAMS IN DIFFICULTIES

Scotland's Difficult Problem

GERMANY RAISE COLONY-CANTON TEAM

The Council of the Hong Kong Hockey Association did well to make a start on the local international hockey tournament by electing the eight representatives, but the biggest task concerning this series has yet to come, in gathering together intending candidates for the various teams.

Scotland are already finding it difficult to secure players, but Germany, who are staging a revival, will be fielding a team of Canton and Hong Kong Germans, who are however, all members of the local Deutscher Klub, which gives them necessary residential qualification. The Scotland representative has

THE INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

England And Ireland Players To Send In Their Names

Lieut. J. P. Williams, East Lancashire Regiment, who is the England representative in the local international hockey tournament, has requested the *China Mail* to inform all hockey players qualified to play for England in the tournament that he will be glad if they will communicate with him.

We have also been asked to invite all Irish hockey players to communicate with Lt. Irvine-Andrews, of the same Regiment.

so far received replies from the Police, who have submitted the names of Blackburn (full-back), Cameron (inside-right) and MacKenzie, a newcomer who exact position is doubtful, while the C.B.A. have submitted S. MacNider, (forward) St. Andrew's E. MacNider (half-back) and the Club J. Rodger (full-back) N. A. E. Mackay (forward) and G. Duncan, (goal-keeper).

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H.K. LADIES WIN BRAUN CUP

D.G.S. Runners-Up In First Season

The Hong Kong Ladies inscribed their name on yet another trophy and, as senior Ladies' Hockey club in the Colony, have the distinction of being the first winners of the Braun Cup.

The Diocesan Girls' School have done excellently to take the runners-up berth in this their first season, while the Central British Schoolgirls are third, one point behind.

The "Y" Ladies have yet two fixtures to play off, but the results will have no bearing on the championship.

The following is the table, to date:

	P	D	L	F	A	Pts.
H.K. Ladies ..	5	1	1	1	11	13
D.G.S.	5	2	1	19	7	12
C.B.A.	7	1	1	24	9	9
"Y" Ladies ..	5	1	5	17	1	5
C.B.A.	7	0	1	21	9	9

Totals 34 13 4 16 61 51 54

Changes Forecasted In Attack

GARTHWAITE NOW AVAILABLE

POTTER AND NEIGHBOUR FOR DEFENCE

PROBABLE CIVILIAN SELECTIONS

(By "Sticks")

WITH the Interport hockey match against Macao barely three weeks away and all previous teams or selected players scratched, practically nothing has been done by the Interport Selection Committee regarding the holding of trials, although the first will probably take place next Sunday morning on either the Club or Marina ground.

With the previous Colony and Civilian selection fresh in their minds, the task of selecting the best possible Colony side, with a few new additions, should not be difficult.

Of the original 15 selected players, Lt. Comdr. Garwood was given the berth between the sticks, and little improvement could be made on this selection, except by the substitution of Ramzan, the K.I.T.C. custodian.



J. E. Potter, above is another likely candidate for the forthcoming Interport match against Macao on March 7.

EAST LANCS. FOR MACAO

Hockey Match On Sunday

LT. J. P. WILLIAMS TO PLAY AGAIN?

The East Lancashire Regiment hockey team will be making the trip to Macao this Sunday to play the Portuguese colony in a friendly hockey match.

Lt. J. P. Williams, the local England hockey player, will make the trip with the team and it is hoped that he will play in the centre-half position. All will depend, however, on the result of an X-Ray examination of his hand, which will be made to-morrow. It will be recalled that he injured it while playing cricket some weeks ago.

The East Lancs team will probably be as follows:—Pte. Smith; Brian Cox, Cpl. Kennedy; Lt. Col. Murphy, Lieut. J. P. Williams, Lt. Col. Ellis; Lieut. Robinson, Lieut. E. M. Dawson, Brian Botting, Sergt. Owen and Pte. Nolan. Reserve: Pte. Moore.



Garthwaite, above, is still the most likely selection for the Colony's Interport hockey ride to meet Macao next month.

A. E. P. Guest (Radio), Lt. Comdr. Broome (Navy) and Kishan Singh (Army) were the three full-backs, and here again little improvement could be made, except by the inclusion of J. E. Potter (Club) as a back in preference to Broome, who is not quite fast enough for the Macao forwards.

Guest And Potter

Guest and Potter are no doubt our best pair of backs and, providing the latter is given a trial (he was away from the Colony during the last Interport trials), we will probably see these two partnered.

M. H. Hassan (Radio), W. A. Reed (Club), Alaf Din (Army) and Pte. Neighbour (Army) cannot be improved upon, in the half-back selections, although A. Silva (Argonauts) is very close behind these four players. On recent form the probable intermediate line should comprise M. H. Hassan, W. A. Reed and Pte. Neighbour.

The Colony attack is the one line in which several changes are likely to be made. Lt. C. C. Garthwaite, Lt. E. M. Dawson, and others who were prevented from taking part in the original Interport trial match owing to cricket and the soccer Interport, will now be available.

Probable Attack

I can see no better attack than Divett, Garthwaite, Griffiths, Singh, Lt. Burch, of the Navy, and Lal Singh, of the Army, with Sub. Lt. Wraith (Navy), Lt. E. M. Dawson (Army) and S. Chowdhury (Radio) as reserves.

In the Civilian team to meet Macao on March 2, the goalkeeper will probably be Ramzan, although E. H. Wong, the former Colony custodian, is coming back into the limelight.

The back positions will probably rest between three players—Guest, Sommer and Potter—and I am inclined to favour the latter two, who have played together in the Club team.

The half-back line could be no better than Hassan, Reed and I. Oliveira (University), although A. Silva, of the Argonauts, may displace Hassan.

The Civilian Forwards

The forward line will probably provide the selectors with their biggest task as there are several candidates including G. E. R. Divett, S. A. Fowler, and D. J. Nooy, from the Club, Avtar Singh, J. M. Pinto, and A. P. Souza, of the K.I.T.C. and Garthwaite, Singh, of the Radio.

As can be seen from the above, both the Interport and the Civilian Selections are not a very difficult task ahead of them and the probable Colony side, or 16 selected players, should be chosen following Sunday's game. This would enable practice matches to be held during the remaining week-ends.



Pte. Hollingsworth, above, the former England and Colony hockey goalkeeper, is away from the Colony with his Regiment, the Lincolnshires.

ENGLAND TO BE STRONGLY REPRESENTED

Last Year's Men Available

NO TRIALS TO BE HELD

"What with the Interport and so many other important hockey matches coming off, we are not holding any trials this season but will pick our team according to the form displayed in these games," said Lt. J. P. Williams, the England representative, in the International Hockey tournament when interviewed by the *China Mail* regarding the selection of the England XI in the forthcoming matches.

Lt. Williams said that they had most of last year's team available, though the goal-keeper, Pte. Hollingsworth, has since left the Colony. His place, however, will probably be filled by Lt. Comdr. Garwood.

So far as the full-backs are concerned, there are four players to make the selections from, namely E. V. Reed, Pte. Cox, Lt. Comdr. Broome and J. E. Potter. The last two will probably be the ones picked.

Last Year's Halves

The trio that did duty last season in the intermediate line, Lt. J. P. Williams, W. A. Reed and C. S. Parker, will probably be picked again as they are easily the best available. So far six names are being considered for the forward line, but no definite selection has yet been made, and, as stated elsewhere on this page, players who are qualified to represent England are being asked to submit their names to Lt. Williams.

England, who were beaten in the final by India last year, should go very far again this time with the above-mentioned players forming the nucleus of the team.

HARDSTAFF HONOURED


In recognition of his fine test in scoring 230 not out against an Australian XI in the match at Sydney, J. Hardstaff, the Nottingham batsman, has been presented with a mounted and inscribed ball by the New South Wales Cricket Association.



J. Hardstaff, above, is about certain to be playing in his third Interport match against Macao next month.

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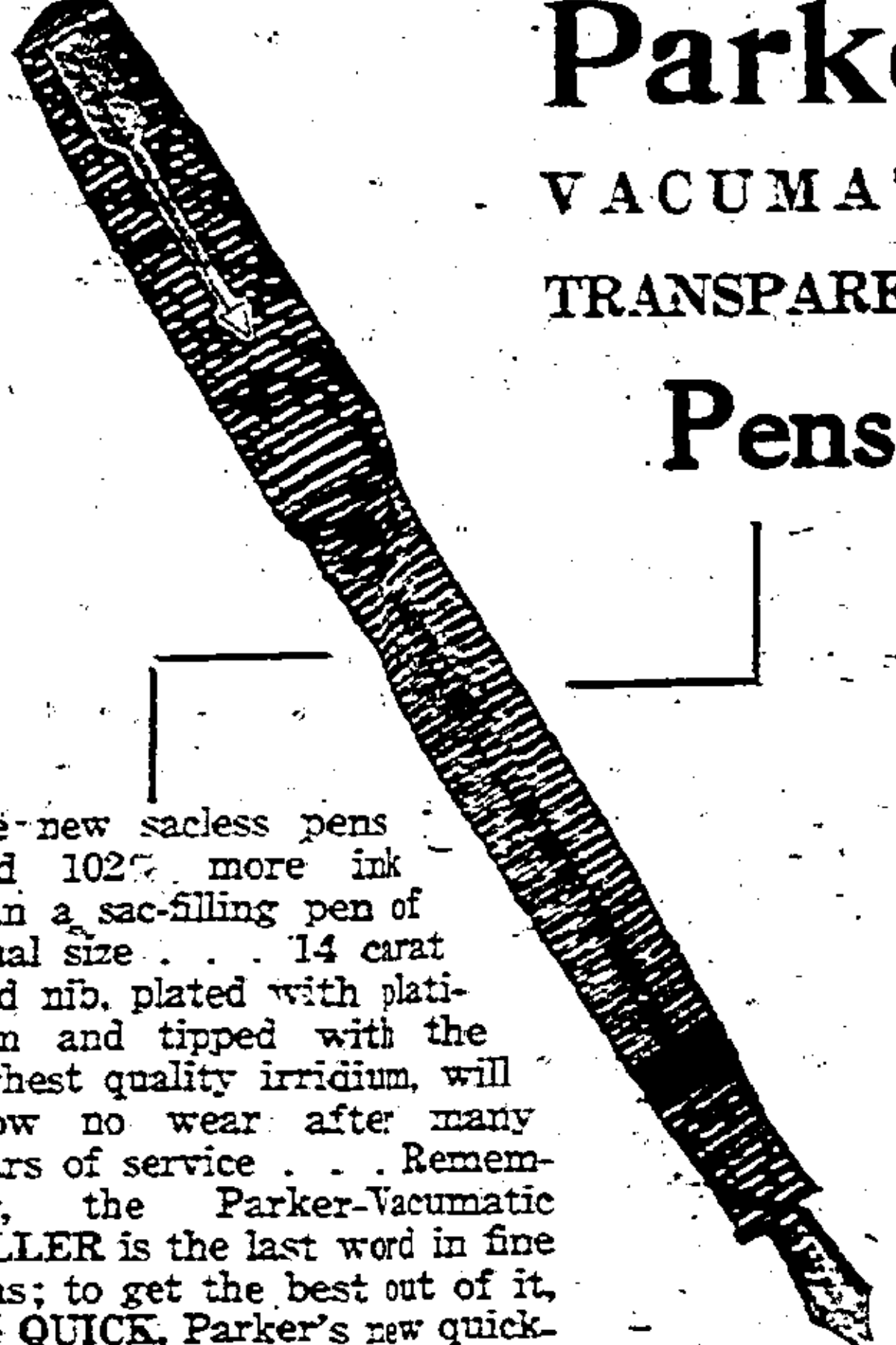
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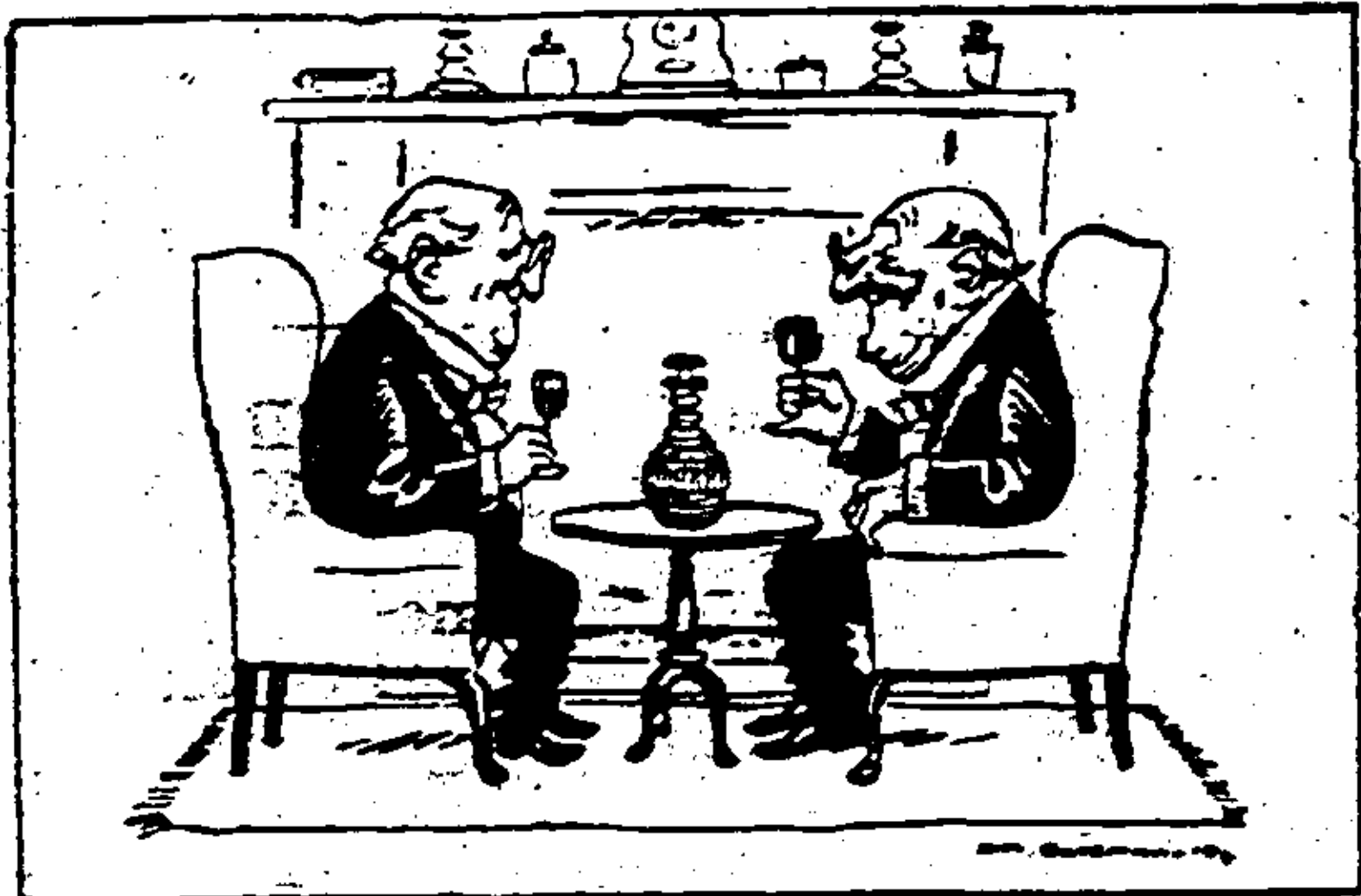
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The Colony In Time Of War

We hope we shall not be accused of scare-mongering if we attempt to examine dispassionately the effects which any outbreak of war in Europe or elsewhere would have on this Colony. There is a type of person who deprecates any reference to these matters on the theory that discussion of them leads to the fostering of the war mind, which in its turn provides soil ready tilled and hoed for the planting of what the Japanese have picturesquely called "dangerous thoughts." There is also the evidence of history throughout the ages that nothing leads so successfully to war as talk of war. However much truth there is in all this, it is also a fact that nothing can be accomplished without preliminary discussion and preparation. This Colony, in company with every other British territory, would be most intimately concerned in an outbreak of hostilities in which Great Britain was involved, and it is therefore necessary that all eventualities in this direction, however much any such thing may be personally deplored by all right-thinking people, should be thoroughly examined before the event and not when it is already upon us. That is our only excuse for broaching the subject at all, and it is something to find that we err, if we err at all, in good company. For it is obvious from the *Government Gazette* published last Saturday, that the matter is engaging the attention of the authorities here also.

In all conscience there has been enough scope in the past for the common gibe that Colonial Governments are all too prone to let sleeping dogs lie and to take the easier course in anything requiring initiative and firm action. But some of that criticism has undoubtedly lost its sting in recent months so far as Hong Kong is concerned, especially since Sir Andrew Caldecott has shown, already in his short spell as Governor here, a firm grasp of affairs and a no less firm intention to get things done. The economy measures provide an example easily to hand. We suggest that the steps announced in Saturday's *Gazette* concerning the food supplies of the Colony are another indication that the authorities are doing nothing if they are not taking precautions.

This would be a difficult place to blockade, but it might be done successfully nevertheless. War in Europe and the concomitant blocking of the Suez Canal and the Red Sea would be a most effective check on the import of food supplies from Europe; a blockade by sea from the Pacific would close the trans-American and trans-Canadian routes. And there is no other outlet which could be effectively used in the event of such blockades proving successful. In that case the question of local food supplies would attain to something more than purely academic interest. These possibilities, however remote, are not being overlooked by the local authorities, and it is only right that they should take whatever precautions they consider necessary in ensuring, as far as possible, a continuous supply of food or the careful apportionment of whatever supplies are available in the unlikely event of war. The first step is the listing of the quantities of stocks held locally, and that contingency has been pro-

MR. PETER JULYAN LAID TO REST Funeral At Happy Valley MANY FRIENDS PRESENT

The funeral of the late Mr. Peter James Julyan, I.S.O., a Government pensioner, who died at his residence, No. 37 Robinson Road, on Sunday afternoon, aged 68, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery yesterday.

The Rev. Fr. Spada conducted the burial service, and the chief mourners were the son, Peter, and the son-in-law, Mr. A. Tavares. Amongst those who attended the funeral were Messrs. J. Barnett, J. A. Bendall, C. W. E. Bishop, A. F. Castilho, P. Castilho, A. F. Delgado, P. X. Delgado, H. Dixon, A. Elms, P. Elms, C. France, L. Gardner, L. Lopes, A. B. Purves, L. Rocha, L. Santos, A. W. J. Simmonds, C. E. Tavares, G. Tavares, J. Tavares, and W. Woodward.

As requested, no flowers were sent.

The late Mr. Julyan was a member of the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff, P.W.D. (Class II). He joined the Government in 1895, prior to which he was a writer in H.M. Naval Yard from 1888 to 1891, and during the years 1891-94 was chief clerk in H.M. Ordnance Department.

His first post with the Government was that of 2nd clerk, P.W.D., and subsequently he acted as first clerk and as clerk to the Clerk of Councils, Colonial Secretariat. In 1901, he was appointed first clerk to the P.W.D., and in 1913 became senior clerk. In 1927 he was promoted to Class II Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff, which grade he held when he retired on pension a few years ago.

In recognition of Mr. Julyan's long and faithful services he was awarded the Imperial Service Order on the birthday of his late Majesty King George in 1929.

His son, the late Mr. P. T. F. Julyan, was formerly on the editorial staff of the *China Mail*.

vided for by last Saturday's *Gazette*.

Bound up with all these questions are the more concrete matters of the effective defence of the Colony. There are, of course, naval, army and air force detachments here whose first business it is to ensure the defence of the civilian population in time of war. What is not so generally understood is the fact that the civilian population also has a duty to perform in this direction. That duty is to take its appointed part in strengthening the official and professional defence forces in a time of particular need. The fringe of the problem is touched by the Volunteers: the main question remains of devising ways and means of bringing this volunteer force to its most effective maximum. The problem is as old as the hills and is not by any means peculiar to local conditions. Here, as elsewhere, there is apathy if not definite hostility to the idea of military training for civilians. Rightly or wrongly the average civilian assumes that the military defence of the place in which he lives is not his business. In ordinary times it is not; in times of war it most definitely is. Most people will agree with the logic of that. But it is very difficult to get them to see that in order to provide adequate defence in exceptional times the dull, routine business of training is necessary in ordinary times. We must confess that the problem is difficult of solution. In a time of war no doubt conscription would be resorted to, as has been done in recent British history. But short of continuing to make the idea of volunteering as attractive as possible by all the means that can possibly be devised, there is little else the authorities can do. Lacking greater support from the public they must make the best of the material available. But it will be hypocritical for the general public to throw up its hands in horror if conscriptive measures should ever become necessary in a time of extraordinary need, unless it is fully prepared to do its share in peacetime in preparation for the dark days of necessity.

Here There and Everywhere.

OLD R.A.'S SQUABBLE

Echoes of Royal Academy rivalries long dead, yet with a modern flavour, stirred faintly at Sotheby's recently when a large life-size portrait group by James Ward was sold for £150.

During Reynolds's presidency Ward failed to become an Academician. The next P.R.A., Benjamin West, helped Ward.

After four years' bitter fighting (Hoppner leading the opposition) he was elected.

A grandson of Ward, who incidentally was much greater as an engraver than as a painter, achieved fame in another branch of art. He was Sir Leslie Ward—"Spy" of *Vanity Fair*.

SOUTH SEA CHANGE

A Swedish ethnographer and his wife who went out to Tahiti and other islands of the South Seas as plain Herr and Fru have returned as Prince and Princess.

Herr Rolf Anderson Barnhoth took his bride to Tahiti for the honeymoon. They settled in a house which they built themselves on the pattern of the native dwellings, and spent two years among the natives of Tahiti and other islands.

They were presently made princes of the Royal house, and carried away a document in French and Tahitian setting out their patent of nobility.

Your Daily Smile!

"Poets are always in advance of their times."

"Yes, and behind in their rents."

The Absent Brother
"Don't waste your time looking." admonished the professor, noting that 10 boys were congregated in a corner of the room, talking.

"We're not looking, sir," spoke up one of the group. "There are only 10 of us here; and it takes leaves to make a leaf."

With Aid
First Boy: "My dad is so tall he can look over our fence."
Second Boy: "Mine can, too, with a hat on."

Salesmen Confer
"I believe business is picking up again."
"You must have landed some orders to-day."
"No, but I had several civil answers."

BACHELOR KINGS OF ENGLAND

MATTER OF INTEREST TO WHOLE WORLD

ELIZABETH'S REFUSAL TO MARRY CORNER-STONE OF POLICY

(By Marjorie Bowen)

AN unusual interest centres in the accession of a bachelor King to the throne of England.

There have been few unmarried kings in our history, though some of our greatest monarchs have not married until they were on the throne.

In some instances the unmarried state of the ruler has become of interest not only to the country but to the whole world.

In the case of Queen Elizabeth, for instance, her refusal to a partner was undoubtedly one of the cornerstones of England's greatness. She played off rival claimants one against the other with such skill that almost to the day of her death all Europe was angling for the prize.

William II. (Rufus) was one of the few bachelors and the fiery warrior who subdued the Scots and colonised the northern marches. He was killed accidentally in middle age before he had made the matrimonial alliance that would have strengthened his position.

His successor and younger brother, Henry I., a bachelor when he came to the throne at the age of 32, made a most important alliance with the Princess Matilda, granddaughter of Edmund Ironside and therefore heiress of the old English line.

Norman And Saxon

This royal alliance made marriages between Norman and English popular and caused Henry I. to be termed "the refounder of the English line." Through this marriage the blood of the ancient British kings blended with that of the Normans.

Henry III. came to the throne as a child and married Eleanor of Provence after he had attained his majority; the Court of this bachelor king was very splendid and his nuptials to the French Princess extremely magnificent, attracting crowds of foreigners. For weeks London was the scene of feasting and pageantry.

Richard II's romantic marriage took place when he had been five years on the throne.

Henry V. was perhaps the most brilliant of our bachelor kings: a great soldier, an able diplomat, just, chivalrous, very handsome and religious. Henry was in everything the nation's ideal, and his popularity was increased by his refusal to enter into any merely political marriage. He was crowned alone with great magnificence and soon after undertook the war with France, where he gained much glory.

Without A Queen

For seven years England was without a Queen (the King's mother had died long before his accession), and when the King married the lovely Catherine de Valois not only did this end the long war with France but it was the result of a strong attraction. The splendid young monarch was in love with his wife, whom he took home to be crowned by herself in Westminster as a symbol and gage of the peace.

Henry VII., one of our greatest kings, was a bachelor when he ascended the throne after the victory of Bosworth. He was crowned alone when nearly 30 years of age. Had he been married our history might have been different, for it was his alliance with Elizabeth of York that united the House of Plantagenet with that of Tudor—so that, again, the blood of the old line was continued in that of the new, itself a branch from the same stem.

Henry VIII. was contracted to Catherine of Aragon on his accession, but not married until a few months later.

The Coured King

The bachelor state of King Edward VI. was of the greatest value to the nation, his hand being competed for by all the diplomats of Europe. It was his father's wish that he should marry the little Queen of Scots, don was the scene of feasting and pageantry.

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley.



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ELECTIONS IN SPAIN

Another Stalemate Probable

MAJORITY GOVERNMENT DIFFICULT

CHINA MAIL SPECIAL

Madrid, To-day.

The Left-wing parties scored a remarkable success in the elections to the Spanish Cortes on Sunday, according to the reports received early yesterday morning. The Left-wing parties, it is estimated, will enter the new Parliament with about 200 Deputies, and will thus be only slightly outnumbered by the combined Centre and Right-wing Parties.

The Left-wing parties scored their biggest victory in Catalonia, where in Barcelona alone 100,000 votes more were cast for the Left than for the Right or Centre. The leader of the Catalanian Right-wing Party is said to have already fled across the border to France. Adherents of the Left Wing tried to stage a number of "victory demonstrations," but the police intervened and dispersed the gatherings.

The Premier, Don Portela, announced by radio that the Governor-General of Catalonia, belonging to the Right Wing, has resigned in view of the overwhelming majority scored by the Catalan Left-wing party, "Esquerra." A representative of the Catalan Left will probably be appointed to the Governorship immediately.

Madrid Results.
In Madrid the Right and Left Wings appear to have polled roughly equally, whereas in the Provinces of Granada, Toledo and Valencia as well as in the Basque region the Right-wing seem to have polled in the majority. At midnight on Sunday the Minister of the Interior announced that the Left would probably be represented by 187 Deputies in the new Parliament, while the Right will enter with 137 and the Centre with 80 deputies. Thus it is again considered to be extremely difficult to form a majority in the new Government.

The election generally passed off quietly throughout the country, although a few persons were killed during street brawls by political adversaries. Particularly the working-class population maintained perfect order during the election.—Trans-Ocean Service.

U.S. SUPREME COURT

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ONE JUDGE DISSENTS.
Later: The T.V.A. decision was not unanimous, but was carried by 8 votes to 1. Mr. Justice McReynolds dissenting.

The decision rules, firstly, that the Government had power to build the Wilson Dam; secondly, the energy produced at such dam may be sold by the Government; thirdly, the transmission of lines to a fair market for electricities so developed is entirely constitutional.

The Supreme Court, however, declined to express an opinion as regards the validity of the Government's acquisition or operation of local or urban distribution systems.—Reuter.

EXPLANATION OF TO-DAYS CARTOON

Birthplace Of The Cocktail

O'Brien's Ledger House in Elmford, New York, claims the distinction of being the birthplace of the drink now known throughout the world as the cocktail. During the Revolution, Betty Flanagan, a barmaid at Hall's Corners, known now as O'Brien's Ledger House, served her own concoction known as "Betty's Bracers" to the American and French officers. On special merry-making occasions, she would serve her uniformed guests roast fowl. The feathers were all saved and stuck in the glasses grating her bar. One night a guest called for "a glass of those cocktails." This inspired a dapper young French officer to rise to his feet, raise one of Betty's "bracers," and cry "Long Life to the cocktail!"



Lola Lane and Edward Everett Horton are in the Universal Production, "His Night Out," which will be screened at the Alhambra Theatre next Tuesday.

OIL REFINING IN CANTON

Business Reported Flourishing

LOW CUSTOMS CHARGES ON IMPORTED FUEL

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

Prices of petroleum in Canton are going down as plenty of fuel oil is arriving daily to be converted into kerosene. Both foreign and Chinese oil refining companies are importing fuel oil, taking full advantage of the low import tariff.

Canton is the only place in China where oil refining can be profitably done, the import duty being only 290 Customs gold units a picul, as against 33-40 units in other parts of the country. This low rate is applicable on the instructions of the South-west Political Council, although the Customs authorities here were asked by the Inspector-General of Customs to apply the standard (higher) rate.

Owing to the extremely low rate on crude or fuel oil, both Chinese and foreign oil companies are engaged in the oil refining business here. The three foreign companies are now competing strongly with Chinese refineries. In most cases the imported crude oil is over 60 degrees of kerosene and can be "refined" into illuminating oil by a simple process.

Foreign oil firms have agreed to pay an advance special oil tax to the Kwangtung Provincial Government, the rate being \$3 for 10 gallons of crude oil or kerosene.

ELECTIONS IN SPAIN

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EARLIER REPORTS.
Madrid, Earlier: Contrary to the general expectation that the Left Wing parties would greatly increase their strength but fail to gain a majority, it now seems likely that the Left Wing will gain a clear majority over the Right bloc, led by Don Gil Robles. The results coming in from the Provinces showing more and more predominance of the Left Republicans.

The United Left Wing captured up till yesterday, state reports, altogether 225 Cortes seats and the Right bloc 125, while the Government Centre only got 60, making 135 for the Right.

The results of 50 constituencies are still outstanding, but unless the Government wins 41 of these, which is highly improbable, the Left will retain its present superiority, which amounts to an absolute majority.

This sweeping victory is naturally causing much excitement in Marxist quarters, especially in the more densely populated quarters of Madrid, where the people are rapidly forming victory demonstrations.

SERIOUS TURN.
Things took a serious turn when towards midday the crowds, attempted to force their entry into the chief goal to release political prisoners, but the police reinforced by Civil Guards, dispersed the crowds.

The Council of Ministers has meanwhile decreed a state of alarm for the whole of Spain, empowering the Premier to declare a state of siege in any Province.

The Premier declared that the will of the people, as expressed by the poll, would be respected, but order had to be maintained throughout the country.

What course the developments will take is at the moment uncertain, but it is not thought impro-

GIRL GUIDE MEDAL PRESENTED

Mrs. Grist Honoured

LADY SOUTHERN PERFORMS PLEASANT DUTY

Girl Guide officers and friends gathered at Sandilands Hut yesterday afternoon, on the occasion of the presentation of a Medal of Merit to Mrs. C. E. L. Grist, Deputy Colony Commissioner.

Before the medal was presented by Lady Southern, O.R.E., representatives of various Girl Guide companies in the Colony formed a horse-shoe and presented colours. Mesdames Thorpe, and Lunson and Miss Newton were then enrolled as Guiders by Lady Southern.

Lady Southern's Speech

In presenting the medal to Mrs. Grist, Lady Southern, who is Colony Commissioner, said that in addition to her pleasant task of presenting the medal, she had to welcome Mrs. Bartholomew and the Guide Vice-Presidents. Lady Southern went on to say:

"No medal has ever been better deserved either for services in Hong Kong or elsewhere.

"Mrs. Grist became a Guide over 21 years ago. It seems incredible when you look at her.

"She is a 1st Class Guide, holds all Roundels Cards, Nursing, Armlet and the War Service 1916 badge for interpreting at a Belgian Home. In addition she holds 23 badges. All rejoice at this recognition of her work for the Guide Movement and we hope she will help Hong Kong Guiding for many a year to come. She brings the Guide spirit into everyday life and we wish her with all affection many happy years in which to wear this Medal of Merit."

New Kowloon Commissioner

After presenting the medal, Lady Southern introduced Mrs. J. P. Higgs to the Girl Guide officers as their new District Commissioner for Kowloon in place of Mrs. Anderson.

Among those invited to yesterday's function were Lady Pollock, Lady Shenton, Lady Ho Tung, Mesdames A. W. Bartholomew, W. J. Anderson, G. S. Archibald, W. H. Bell, G. D. R. Black, D. H. Blake, Bishop, Burslem, A. S. Campbell, P. S. Cassidy, Chan Ng Man-che, Y. K. Chow, E. Cock, M. Cooper, J. D. Danby, S. H. Dodwell, D. Drummond, E. T. Goss, John Fleming, W. I. Gerrard, Gubbay, F. C. Hall, Hance, Wallace Hansen, R. M. Henderson, Ho Kon-tong, H. Owen Hughes, A. W. Hughes, R. H. Kotevall, M. K. Lo, F. Mackintosh, A. Murdoch, Newton, Priestley, Riddoch, J. M. da Rocha, M. H. Roffey, C. C. Stark, J. H. Taggart, Talati, E. Taylor, S. W. Tso, R. D. Walker, A. White, R. H. Wild, Hoover, C. C. Knight, Gifford Hull, Kenyon, T. H. King, R. W. Ritchie, J. T. Bagram, Pitt-Gerald, S. T. Williamson, A. Morse, L. Dunbar, C. C. Roberts, Middleton Smith, K. M. Dow, J. D. Maclean, R. O. Hall, J. R. Higgs, Mok Kon-gang, Peter H. Sin, G. A. C. Herklotz, the Misses Buckwell, G. M. Cotton, Ellis, P. d'Eca, Short, R. Alabaster, P. Monkton, Mme. Midzusawa and Mme. Yamanaka.

MR. LINCOLN ELLSWORTH'S APPRECIATION

London, To-day. — Mr. Lincoln Ellsworth, the American explorer who with his companion, Mr. Hollick Kenyon, was rescued in the Antarctic by the Royal Research Ship Discovery II, expressed his warm appreciation of the assistance given by the British and Australian authorities yesterday at Melbourne, where the Discovery II arrived on Sunday.—British Wireless Service.

BLOODHOUNDS SEARCH

Bloodhounds were used in vain last month to search for Cecil P. Forward, aged 27, of Frensham, Surrey, who vanished after leaving a bus on the Farnham road five days before.

He is the Marxist ex-Premier, Don Azaria, will form a Left Government.

The ex-Governor of Catalonia, who has had a triumphant victory, was released from the goal, where he was imprisoned, and was transferred to the house of the Prison Director, at the order of the Government, awaiting release.—Trans-Ocean Service.

To-day's Short Story

THE RUT

By Ralph Stock

CRAMPTON watched the other with a half-amused, half-pitying smile at play under his ragged moustache. He was so refreshingly alive, this boy. To him there was nothing without its meaning; a sunset over the lagoon was a thing of beauty instead of the inevitable finale of another day. The antics of a soldier crab were of intense interest. A quivering palm frond, the battle of surf and reef, a native meke on the beach, and now the recording of such things in coloured paints on a square of canvas were all matters of the utmost importance to this fellow Spier.

In a way it was amusing to watch, but how pathetic! How long might enthusiasm be expected to last on Samabha? Crampton tried to remember in his own case, and failed. He had had his dreams, such dreams, but it had also been necessary to live, and a played-out banana patch leaves little time for side issues.

That is what Crampton's dreams had become inside of a year, or was it six months? True, he had succeeded in living, but to what end? His glance travelled down his loose-jointed figure, past the attenuated legs in their soiled and crumpled ducks to a pair of very large, very shapeless boots, then across the room to Spier. The boy wore a tie and there were the remains of a crease down his

knicks; a crease on Samabha! An involuntary sound escaped Crampton.

"What's the joke?" Spier had evidently taken it for a laugh. He was scraping his pallet with deft thoroughness.

"Nothing, everything," said Crampton, levering himself out of the chair. "Finished?"

"Yes. What do you think of it?"

Crampton stood in front of the picture, chin on chest, his legs slightly apart.

"The Beachcomber," he suggested, after a pause.

Spier laughed.

"No, 'The Planter,'" he corrected; "and I don't mind telling you I like it."

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "Carnival in Paris" by Stanley Jackson.

"Then that's all right," said Crampton.

"It's got sunlight and the effect of sunlight; that's what I was after. That fellow couldn't be anything else than a planter."

"Thanks," said Crampton.

"Well, could be?"

"No, of course not," Crampton lounged back to his chair. "I've earned a whisky and sparklet," he announced, adding irrelevantly: "Weren't you considered pretty good back there?"

Spier coloured slightly.

"Lor, no," he said; "mediocre good, and rank and file, that's all. Myriads of us falling over each other, like ants. You know the game."

Crampton nodded slowly.

"Yes," he said, "I know the game."

Spier waited. He had, often waited before, but Crampton never enlarged, and somehow, one gets out of the habit of asking questions in the islands. It came as rather a surprise, therefore, when the other's deep voice went on:

"But before I became an animated banana I used to like to think I knew something about it. And I should say that's good."

He nodded towards the easel.

"These be cheering words," grinned Spier, with a finger on the sparklet syphon. "Say when."

"And I mean 'em," insisted Crampton. "Some of your things are good; all of them are original."

"Oh, I grant that," said Spier, subsiding into a chair. "They're nothing if not original. I'm a crank on originality; that's why I came out here. I'm going to make 'em sit up and take notice 'back there,' or perish in the effort. I loathe half-measures."

"Quite," said Crampton.

"And I loathe mediocrity," Spier went on; "to my mind it's worse than failure." He leaned forward with characteristic abruptness, his strong delicately shaped hands working between his knees. "Do you know what I mean?"

Crampton nodded.

"Somehow I believe you do, and isn't it awful? Ninety per cent. of us are mediocre, and perfectly content to remain so. I'm not; not content, I mean. It's like living in an over-populated valley, shut in by mountains and never getting a glimpse of what lies beyond. Isn't it better to have a shot at climbing, even with a chance of coming a cropper—but here, I'm getting picturesque."

Spier lifted his glass with an apologetic flourish.

"That's all right," said Crampton. "I like it. Well, what did you do?"

"Do?"

Spier looked round at the gaunt figure in the cane chair. "I came out here."

"And that was your idea of climbing those mountains of yours?"

"Yes."

"I hope you liked the view," Spier's boyish laugh rang out, disturbing a family of strutting minah birds on the veranda.

"You're a dried stick," Crampton said. "But yes, I like it, immensely. It's a new view, it's something different, and that's what I'm after, new colour, new form, new ideas. Life going to be the making of me." He paused.

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" Canton	64	—	" Sausages	35	28
Geese	32	23	Bullock's Brains	per set	17 10
Pigeons, Canton	50	30	" Tongue, fresh	each	70 50
" Hainan	35	20	" " corned	"	100 80
Turkeys, Cock	95	—	" Head	24	20
" Hen	75	61	" Heart	20	20
Snipe	each	18 —	" Hump, Salt	20	20
Pheasant	pair	170 220	" Feet	12	10
Quail	each	20 —	" Kidneys	12	10
Partridge	65	10	" Tail	25	20
FRUITS.			" Liver	24	13
Almonds	90	35	" Tripe	30	6
Lemons, China	8	—	Calves' Head & Feet	set	180 100
Bananas (Oride's)	5	4	Mutton Chop	44	26
Carambola	—	—	" Leg	44	26
Coconuts	12	10	" Shoulder	40	26
Apples (California)	24	26	" Saddle	44	26
Lemons, American	15	10	" Brains	per set	10 —
Licenses, Dried	12	20	" Pig's Chittlings	32	21
Oranges (Canton)	12	—	" " Fat	24	15
Oranges (Sweet)	18	—	" Kidneys	12	10
Pears (Canton)	12	—	" Liver	12	10
Oranges (American)	12	—	" Sausages	35	28
Persimmons, Large	18	12	" Pork Chop	33	25
Pumpkin, Siam	18	12	" Loin	35	—
Walnuts	20	—	" Leg	32	60
Grapes	20	—	" Fat or Lard	24	21
VEGETABLES, ETC.			Sheep's Head & Feet	per set	90 60
Artichokes	8	—	" Heart	each	12 8
Beans, Sprout	4	—	" Kidneys	15	10
" Long	4	—	" Liver	45	30
Bamboo	12	—	Sucking Figs to Onions	45	25
Brussels, Green	6	5	" Suet, Beef	35	20
Red	6	5	" Suet, Mutton	35	20
Cabbage, Chinese	10	—	" Sausages	35	—
(Shanghai)	none	12 —	" No. 1	32	—
Carrots	14	—	FISH.		
Celery, Chinese	15	10	Barbel	32	15
Chilies, Dried	4	25	Canton Fresh Water Fish	22	—
" Red	18	16	Codfish	30	15
" Green	10	3	Cams	43	65
Curry Leaf, English	10	3	Cattle Fish	16	65
Cucumbers	18	—	Dace	36	18
Garlic	10	6	Fish Conger	30	26
Ginger, Young	12	7	Fels Fresh Water	72	—
" Old	10	20	Fels Yellow	72	16
Horsefish, Shad	40	5	Garcopa	52	35
Indian Corn	7	—	Gudgeon	20	40
Lettuce	5	1	Herrings	20	22
Onions	8	—	Halibut	34	13
" Green	6	8	Lobster	44	68
" Shanghai	4	8	Mackerel	26	62
Parsley	30	60	" Muller	22	12
Potato	4	3	Oysters	24	12
" Japanese	10	3	Phil	40	16
Pumpkin	4	4	Plaice	35	30
Radish	4	4	Promet, White	40	32
Pineapple (Fresh)	4	4	Promet, Black	26	38
Turnips, Punt	4	4	Prawns	64	10
(Long)	7	15	Roach	26	36
Watercress	12	—	Salmon	50	38
Vegetable Marrow	12	—	Shark	16	30
Water Lily Root	12	—	Skate	16	18
Spinach	12	4	Sturgeon	24	33
Mustard	12	4	Tench	24	12
Mushrooms	—	—	Trout	180	68

BANKS

HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Authorized Capital \$50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up 20,000,000
Reserve Funds:
Sinking \$ 5,500,000
Silver \$10,000,000
Reserve Liability of Pro-
prietors \$20,000,000

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C. KISHIMOTO, Manager.

Hong Kong, 12th September, 1935.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1852

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

Market Shows Good Selling Resistance

NEW COMMITMENTS NOT AT PRESENT ADVISED

Messrs. White, Weld and Company for Messrs. S. E. Levy and Company, New York Correspondents

Stocks:—The Supreme Court decision on the TVA case upheld the Government's right to build the Wilson Dam under the powers of Congress and also the right to sell the power so generated and the right to acquire the transmission system to carry the power to the market.

The point at issue was raised by the stockholders of the Alabama Power Corporation who claimed that the Government had no right to purchase the transmission system from the Alabama Power Corporation. The Court stated that the right of the Government to acquire and to operate the local or city distribution system was not involved. Hence, the decision followed the facts of the case and not the broader question of the entire TVA authority. The decision was disappointing to the market, as the long delay had created some hope for a closer split decision. The general market, aside from utility securities, continued to show good selling resistance, but we would still advise against new commitments for the time, due to the unusual uncertainty created by the Supreme Court's decision. Business done—4,720,000 shares.

"Flash"—Steel mill activity during the past week is estimated at 51.7 per cent of capacity, against 52.0 per cent the previous week.

LOCAL DOLLAR STEADY

The local dollar is steady, opening on demand this morning at 1/3 1/4.

"Spot" silver declined 1/16 to 19-13/16, while "forward" fell 1/16 to 19-11/16.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at 5-U.S.\$4.99, as compared with 5-U.S.\$4.99 1/2, while the New York on London cross-rate was quoted at 5-U.S.\$4.98 1/2, as compared with 5-U.S.\$5.00 1/2.

BERLIN SHARE MARKET

Berlin, To-day.—Great caution was shown on the share market yesterday, despite the good reports from industry and the fact that the Automobile Show was a great success. Call money stood at 2 to 2 1/2 per cent.—Trans-Ocean Service.

THE SHANGHAI COMMERCIAL & SAVINGS BANK LIMITED

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SHAI STOCK EXCHANGE

Business Resumed Yesterday

NOT MUCH EXCITEMENT EVIDENT

Shanghai, To-day.

Following the order of the Ministry of Finance the Chinese Merchants' Stock Exchange resumed operations at 6:30 p.m. yesterday, the one and only session lasting about half an hour. The volume of business was modest, being confined to setting off orders, and generally not much excitement was evident.

Although a number of issues were quoted at more than \$4 off the closing level more than a fortnight ago, dealings in them were not suspended, as the rule was not operative yesterday.

Observers are of the opinion that business, once it has started, will soon become normal, again. It is not quite clear what decision has been arrived at by the brokers which resulted in the resumption of trading. It appears that the request for permission to buy new bonds was granted by the Ministry of Finance, but the petition to abolish the Ministry's ruling that all transactions be concluded by the actual delivery of goods was rejected. Trading for the time being is confined to the previous Government bonds.

RAW RUBBER PRICES

Latest Quotations From Singapore

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co., have received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber.

Spot 25 1/2 Down 1/4 b, 26 s.

April/June 26 1/2 Down 1/4 b, 26 3/4 s.

July/September 26 1/2 Down 1/4 b, 26 3/4 s.

October/December 26 1/2 Down 1/4 b, 26 3/4 s.

Market:—Quiet.

INDIAN RAILWAY BUDGET

Enormous Deficit Disclosed

New Delhi, To-day.

The Indian railway budget was presented to the Legislature yesterday. The deficit for 1935-36, of 22,000,000, was more than anticipated. About 15,000,000 was on the commercial lines and 5,000,000 on the strategic lines.

The deficit will be made up from the depreciation fund of 1936-37.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

H.K. Ropes \$5.55 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms \$21 1/2 b, \$21 1/2 sa.

Watsons \$4.85 n.

Lane, Crawford & \$6 1/2 n.

Mackintoshes \$5 n.

Sinclair \$2.70 n.

Wm. Powells 70 cts. n.

Wing On (H.K.) \$55 n.

Miscellaneous

Entertainments \$4.70 n.

S. C. Enterprises \$1.35 n.

Macao "Greyhounds" \$2 n.

Constructions (old) \$1 1/2 n.

Constructions (new) 50 cts. n.

Vibro Piling \$4 n.

Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 C\$38 1/2

4 1/2% n.

H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 4% prem.

H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan par. n.

Wallace Harpers \$4 n.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

MRS. MARGARET SANGER, President of the Birth Control International Information Centres, is calling at Hong Kong on Thursday, February 20th, 1936.

The following arrangements have been made:

1. Informal Reception at the Hong Kong Hotel, first floor, at 4.30 p.m. to meet her. Guests wishing to have tea will please make their own arrangements with the Hong Kong Hotel.
2. Public Lecture by Mrs. Sanger at 5.30 p.m. at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.
3. Dinner in her honour at 8.30 p.m. at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden (\$2.00 per head). Musical Programmes arranged. Evening Dress optional. Reservation to be made at the Hong Kong Hotel before February 19th.

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend any or all of the above functions.

The Reception Committee.

COOK'S BANK

Liquid Balance Sheet

DEPOSITS FULLY COVERED

The balance-sheet of Thos. Cook and Son (Bankers) Limited, made up on October 31 last shows as usual an exceptionally strong liquid position. The various cash items amount to £2,587,650, and are equal to 79.8 per cent of the deposits, which amount to £3,241,664, compared with £3,182,992 in 1934. If to the cash be added £95,000 of money employed at call and short notice, and £102,696 of bills, deposits are covered by liquid assets to the extent of 83 per cent.

This high liquidity has been a consistent and outstanding feature of the bank's balance-sheets since its inception. The whole of the capital of the French subsidiary, Thos. Cook and Son, Bankers (France) Limited, is held by the English company, and is included in its balance-sheet at below cost, the book value being £20,000.

Reserve Fund

The published reserve fund is £125,000, and is equal to the issued capital of the company, as shown in the subjoined table:

	Oct. 31, 1935	Oct. 31, 1934
Liabilities		
Issued capital	125,000	125,000
Reserve fund	125,000	125,000
Deposits, &c.	3,241,664	3,182,992
Assets		
Cash	613,978	416,258
Balances with bankers on deposit	1,784,182	1,798,750
Currencies in transit	27,369	25,715
Remittances in transit	162,121	134,154
Money at call and short notice	95,000	160,000
Bills discounted	102,696	183,664
Investments	486,530	551,460
Advances	299,509	160,403
Excluding those in subsidiary companies		
Substantial internal reserves are also held.		

Of the investments, which stand in the balance-sheet at £486,530, \$408,982 is represented by British Government securities and £50,057 by India Government securities.

REICHSMARK QUOTATIONS

Berlin, To-day.—The Reichsmark was quoted yesterday with-out guarantee at:—New York, 40.70; Paris, 609.25; Amsterdam, 59.215; and London, 12.29.—Trans-Ocean Service.

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FORTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on TUESDAY, 10th March, 1936, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1935.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 24th February, to TUESDAY, 10th March, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

O. EAGER, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th February, 1936.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

THE undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on Wednesday, the 19th February, 1936

commencing at 11.44 a.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

- 1 Electric Motor.
- 16 Cases Butter.
- 1 Electric Machine.
- 4 Cases Mustard.
- 4 Barrels Soap Flake.
- 1 Barrel Soda Ash.
- 1 Barrel Shampoo Powder.
- 1 Barrel Stearic Acid.

also Gramophone Motors & Accessories, Electric Goods, Elastoplast Dressings and Plasters, etc., etc.

A Quantity of Valuable Household & Office Furniture.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMBERT BROS., Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 18th Feb., 1936.

THE undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON Thursday, the 20th Feb., 1936

commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

A Quantity of VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

comprising—Teak Dining Room and Bed Room Furniture, Office Furniture, Chesterfield Suites, Carpet and Rug, Gramophone and Records, Glass and Brass Ware, Pictures, Ornaments, Clocks, Porcelain and E. P. Ware, etc., etc.

also A Few Pieces of Black Wood Furniture

and One "Singer" Sewing Machine. Two Hand Sewing Machines. One Radio Set. One "Essex" Tourer, 5 Seater Motor Car.

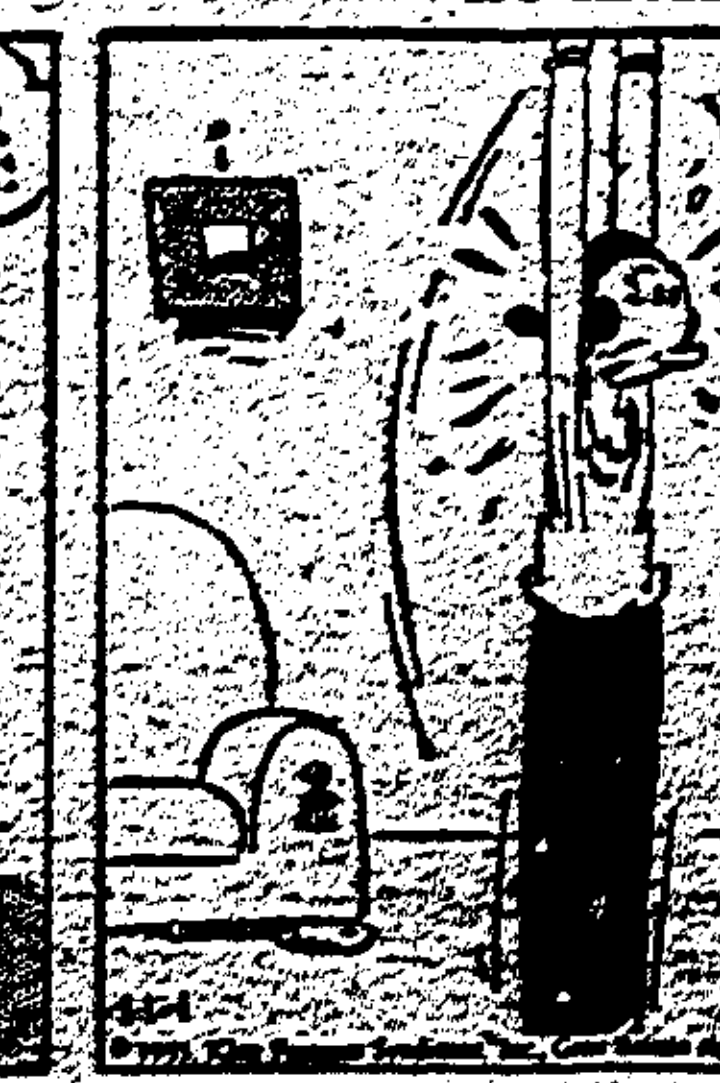
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Hong Kong, 17th Feb., 1936.

POPEYE — "Heavy Artillery."



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NORWAY TRIUMPH IN WINTER GAMES IMPRESSIVE CLOSING CEREMONIES

OLYMPIC FIRE EXTINGUISHED

Garmisch-Partenkirchen, To-day.
The Fourth Olympic Winter Games were brought to a successful conclusion here yesterday, a spectacular closing ceremony, including the firing of batteries and illuminations by magnesium flares, marking the occasion.

MONGKOK ROBBERY

Accused Sentenced To Gaol

GIRL GIVES ALARM

At the Criminal Sessions, before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Lindsell, this morning, Li Po, an unemployed Chinese, was charged with having assaulted Wong Hing, with intent to rob, at No. 45, Mongkok Road, ground floor, on the night of December 31, last. He was found guilty and sentenced to two years' hard labour.

The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. Mok Hing-cheung (foreman), A. B. Ram-say, A. A. Silva, L. A. Silva, E. G. Smith, W. A. Stewart and U. Wing-won.

Mr. E. H. Williams, the Assistant Attorney-General, appeared for the Crown. The accused was not legally represented.

The first witness called was Cheung Kwai, a married woman, who said that she lived on the ground floor of No. 45, Mongkok Road with her husband, Wong Hing, and their family. Describing the events on the night in question, witness said that she was sitting in her cubicle with her godson and daughter when all of a sudden a man broke into the cubicle and seized her. He was followed by two other men who caught hold of her godson and daughter respectively.

Girl Escapes

Continuing, witness said that the man who held her daughter forced open a drawer and in an effort to get out a dagger from his pocket, he let her go. The girl promptly ran out of the room and raised the alarm, whereupon the intruders bolted.

This evidence was corroborated by the godson and Wong Hing, and, after formal evidence had been taken from Police witnesses, the case for the Crown rested.

Electing to make a statement from the dock, accused said:—

"I did not commit the robbery at all. I was arrested in the street by a police constable, who assaulted me and forced me to admit that I had committed the robbery. He assaulted me very badly. I made the admission to the Police interpreter for the reason that the statement was forced out of me by the Inspector."

Prefers Deportation

Without retiring, the jury returned a verdict of guilty and the accused was accordingly sentenced to two years' hard labour.

Prior to this, when asked if he thought there was any reason why sentence should not be passed on him, accused asked that instead of being sent to gaol he be deported from the Colony.

BRIDGE AND MAH JONGG DRIVE

"Y" Ladies' Function Successful

The Bridge and Mah Jongg Drive yesterday, organised by the Ladies' Section of the European Y.M.C.A. in aid of the funds of the Ladies' Hockey Section, proved very enjoyable and successful, nine tables being in play.

Mrs. Sheppard won the first prize in the Bridge competition, followed by Mrs. Browning, while Mrs. Bradbury took the consolation prize.

Mrs. Beck was awarded the first prize in the Mah Jongg section, while Mrs. P. Martin and Mrs. F. Davies tied for the second prize. Mrs. D. Smith was given the consolation prize.

SEVEN PER CENT. DIVIDEND

Humphrey's Estate And Finance Co., Ltd.

\$11,000 REDUCTION IN PROFITS

A dividend of 7 per cent. on 200,000 shares, involving \$140,000, was declared at the annual general meeting of Humphrey's Estate and Finance Company, Ltd., which was held in the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel this morning.

Mr. D. E. Clark, Chairman of the Board of Directors, was in the Chair and was supported by Mr. J. Scott-Harston, Mr. J. M. Alves and Mr. M. T. Johnson (Directors), and Mr. J. L. Quile (Secretary).

Among the shareholders present were Messrs. J. D. Humphreys, J. E. Jupp, W. C. Lee, F. Schriber, Lau Shing, H. A. Pearson, H. Gittins, Lo Chung-wan, P. C. Potts, C. B. Brown, C. Bulmer Johnson and D. F. Clarke.

Reviewing the year, the Chairman said:—

"The profit for the year under review is down in round figures by \$11,000.00, the debit to Interest Account being higher by a corresponding figure. The other items on the debit side of Profit and Loss Account are very similar to the preceding year and do not, I think, call for any special comments by me."

"Total rents, you will note, are \$1,843.06 higher than for 1934, the 12 flats in Argyle Street being revenue-producing from April. During the year two basements in Aigburth Hall were converted into two-roomed flats, and these have been revenue-producing from October, these additional rents setting off the reductions in rental of our other properties."

"I am pleased to say that all these new flats have been occupied since completion. From the Balance Sheet, you will note Land and Buildings are up by \$95,687.16. This sum represents payments to Contractor for the new flats I have just referred to."

"Special repairs are again a fairly heavy item, although less than the year preceding. During the current year the patent roofing of Branksome Towers will have to be relaid and Minden Villas and Minden Avenue are to be thoroughly overhauled and redecorated—a job that is overdue."

"Our indebtedness to the Bank has increased by over a lakh of dollars, due chiefly to the building programme to which we were committed. We have no further building contracts at the present time."

Investments

"There has been a slight recovery in the value of our share investments since this balance sheet was printed, but the present market value is over a lakh less than the cost price."

"I do not think there are any further matters to which I can usefully refer, and I will now formally propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted, and that the balance available in Profit and Loss Account, viz., \$188,036.66, be allotted as follows:—

Pay a dividend of 7 per cent. on 200,000 shares \$140,000.00
Transfer to Special Repairs and Renewals A/c 10,344.00
Transfer to Building Improvement A/c 4,656.31
And carry forward 33,936.35

\$188,036.66

Mr. P. C. Potts seconded the adoption of the Report and Accounts, which were unanimously carried.

Directors Re-Elected

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. H. A. Pearson, Mr. J. Scott-Harston, Mr. J. M. Alves and Mr. M. T. Johnson were re-elected to the board of Directors.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and Davies were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$600 each, on the proposal of Mr. J. E. Jupp, seconded by Mr. W. C. Lee.

TRANS ON FIRE

Three Birmingham trams caught fire last night owing to electrical resistance becoming overheated.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The s.s. Santhia left Singapore for this port on Wednesday and is due to arrive here at about 1 p.m. to-day.

The K.C.C. "Leap Year Dance" is to be held on Saturday, February 29, at 9.30 p.m.

Three cases of diphtheria were reported to the Health authorities in the 48 hours ended on Sunday.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day was 0.21 inch. The total since January 1 has been 3.14 inches as against an average of 2.29 inches.

CORRESPONDENCE

Birth Control

(To The Editor "China Mail")

Sir,—The Rev. Fr. Ryan's letter of February 17 contains, apart from his appeal to Catholics to be loyal to their Church, and from the statement that not all Indians agreed with Mrs. Sanger's doctrine (did Mrs. Sanger or anyone else ever claim that they did?) only one major point—that birth control in China meant suicide. This, if one is prepared to pass over a highly metaphorical language, would be tolerably near the truth and might mislead those who are ignorant of the fact that many birth control advocates are themselves parents.

The best advice that can be given to anyone sufficiently ignorant of the subject to confuse birth control with complete prevention of births is that he should come to hear Mrs. Sanger's own advocacy of her views. But as Fr. Ryan has raised the question of the effect of the adoption of birth control methods on the future of China, and as he is presumably aware that an uncontrolled birthrate increases the population in geometrical progression, he may fairly be asked to say whether the natural checks hitherto operative, namely, war, pestilence and famine, have his full approval, or whether he will suggest any alternative less fraught with human suffering?

Self-control has not in the past been so signally successful in this matter, even when reinforced by the economic sanctions of additional mouths to feed; and those who agree that the material condition of humanity is a matter for intelligent concern will agree also that any method by which poverty and its attendant evils can be alleviated is at least worthy of careful consideration before it is sacrificed to rhetoric.

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COMMODITY PRICES

The following quotations have been received by Reuters.

Prev. Yesterday Closing Closings

New York Cotton:—
March 11.29 11.35
May 10.89 10.97
July 10.55 10.62
October 10.22 10.27
December 10.21 10.28
January 10.23 10.30
Spot 11.70 11.65

New York Rubber:—
March 15.72 15.60
May 15.88 15.70
July 15.96 15.84
September 16.05 15.93
December 16.26 16.13

Chicago Wheat:—
May 98½ 97½
July 89½ 89
September 88½ 88½
Chicago Corn:—
May 61½ 61½
July 61½ 61½
Winnipeg Wheat:—
May 84½ 84½
July 85½ 85½
October 84½ 84½

New York Silk:—
March 1.74 1.73
May 1.72 1.71½
July 1.69½ 1.68

ARMY OFFICER WEDS

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After the church ceremony a reception was held in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel when a large number of friends gathered to drink the health of the happy couple.

The bride's going-away dress was in French grey with long lace coat, astrachan trimmed. Her hat, bag, shoes and gloves were to match.

There will be no dinner dance to-morrow at Regula Bay Hotel.

The Burns, Philp Line m.v. Neptuna, from Melbourne, Sydney, Bahian, Salomons and Manila, left Manila for this port this morning and is due to arrive here next Thursday morning.

Dr. C. T. Wang, who was to have addressed a "closed" meeting of the Rotary Club to-day, is unable to be present, and an ordinary meeting will be held at which the President, Professor L. Forster, will speak on "Inner Mongolia."

BIRTH CONTROL EXPERT

REPLIES TO THE CRITICS

MRS. HOW-MARTIN ARRIVES FROM INDIA

Mrs. Edith How-Martin, Hon. Director of the Birth Control International Centre, London, arrived in the Colony from India by the s.s. Santhia this morning and in an interview with the *China Mail* was very enthusiastic about her tour in India with Mrs. Margaret Sanger, and the success they met in that country.

Mrs. How-Martin was in her room in the Gloucester Hotel when she gave the Press an interview, and, referring to the letter written by Fr. Thomas F. Ryan, S.J., on the subject of Birth Control which was published in the *China Mail* yesterday, she said that "Father Ryan makes a lot of statements which must be answered and which will be answered. The most important part of his letter is where he uses the term 'artificial birth control' for the Roman Catholics definitely have their own methods of Birth Control, which they call the natural method, where they call ours the artificial method. They are not opposed to the limitation of the family, provided it is done according to the methods which they approve; and their most important method is celibacy."

Continuing, Mrs. How-Martin said that there is a book on the subject which is published in the United States of America. The author is a Roman Catholic doctor and, with the approval of the Roman Catholic authorities, he details the methods which the Roman Catholics may use.

IN ENGLAND

In England, Mrs. How-Martin said, birth control propaganda has been preached since 1876 and since then the birth-rate in that country has been falling steadily. In 1876 it stood at 36 per 1,000, while to-day it is 15. The death-rate in England in the same years was 28 and 13 respectively, so that there has been a decline in this. "It will be seen, therefore, that it would be much better for a country to have fewer births and fewer deaths, and a consequent increase in the population, than a lot of unwanted babies and the attendant high percentage of infant mortality."

"I feel quite confident that the working classes in England have a higher standard of living than the working classes in any other part of the world. This would not be possible if we did not have birth control, for them, with all the unwanted babies, we should not have the time, the money, or the energy to look after the social services. And, finally, it has been said that we were impertinent to come here; but, strange as it may seem, we were invited to come!"

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\$387,858.38

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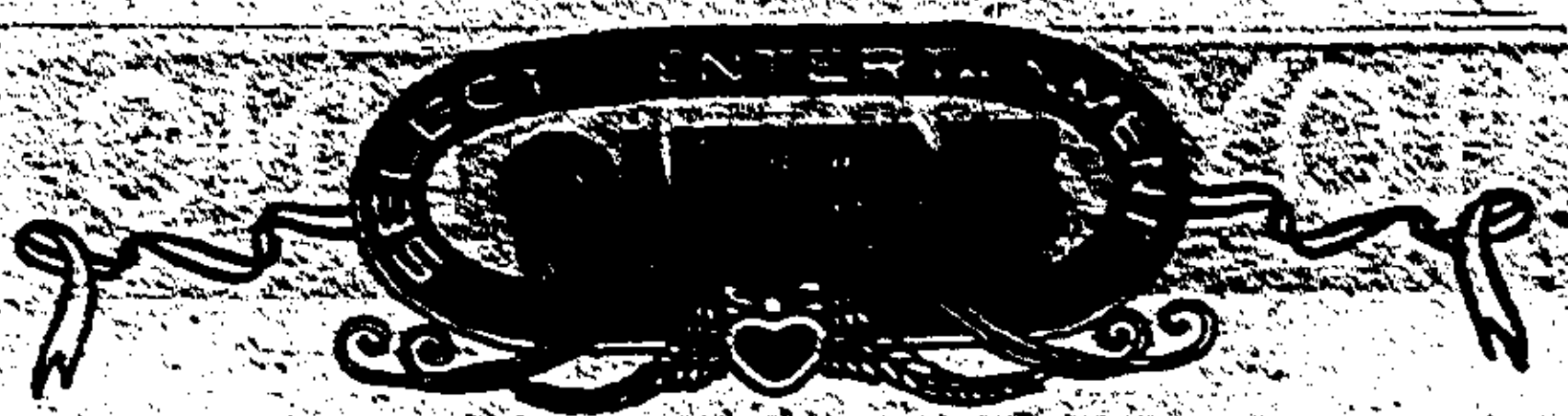
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SPEECH DAY AND PRIZEGIVING

Chung Nan College

PROF. MIDDLETON SMITH PRESENTS AWARDS

The annual Speech Day and prize distribution of the Chung Nan College took place in the King's Theatre on Sunday, before a large attendance of students and their friends. The prizes were given away by Professor C. A. Middleton-Smith, of the Hong Kong University, who stressed the importance of English as the language of commerce, and the language known to educated people of all races out East. He considered English of the greatest use not only to those destined for commercial careers, but for engineers and other professional men.

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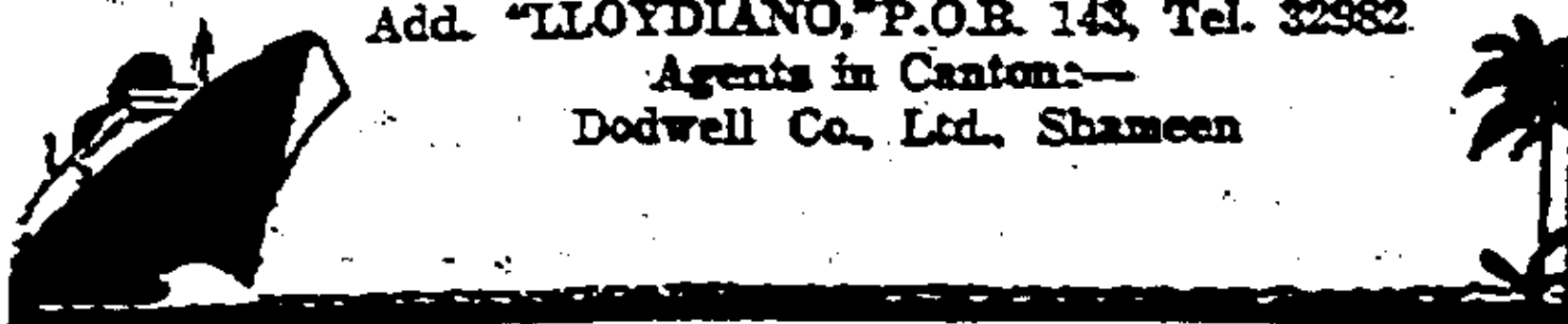
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BACHELOR KINGS OF ENGLAND

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daughter of Henry VII, and thus unite the two branches of the Royal House of England and that country with Scotland.

The Scots, fearful of losing their independence, resisted, and the King's marriage was arranged with a French Princess, but all such projects were defeated by his death on the threshold of manhood.

This bachelor king was a charming figure — a clever musician, an accomplished scholar, and a keen amateur astronomer. His name is commemorated in numerous grammar schools throughout the country. He probably died from an infection; and had he received skilful medical treatment — then unobtainable — he might have wished to marry Mary Queen of Scots, and to rule both kingdoms wisely and well.

Premature Death

His premature death delayed the union of the Crowns until the Accession of Mary's son, James I. of England, who was crowned King, James VI. of Scotland on his mother's abdication, when he was but a year old, and certainly a bachelor.

The question of his marriage opened up long and anxious speculations and tormented his mother during the last years of her captivity. Two years after her execution he married the fair and gay Anne of Denmark, thus bringing a Queen of England for the first time since the conquest from the country of our ancestors, the Vikings. Later that land was to give us the beloved Queen Alexandra.

Charles And His Bride

His son, Charles I. did not marry until after he had become King. It was as a reigning monarch that he went to greet his bride, the beautiful Henrietta Maria, who brought as her dowry the noble blood of Bourbon and Medici, and great personal happiness to her adoring husband.

Charles II. returned to his kingdom a bachelor, and remained unmarried for two years before his splendid nuptials with Catherine of Braganza, who brought as her dowry Dunkirk and Tangiers.

Though the first two Georges possessed kingly qualities and were of the royal British line, their foreign educations rendered them alien to the English, but the last King (George III.) to come to the throne a bachelor, was educated in this country and early declared that he "gloried in the name of Britain."

Very Popular

Extremely good-looking, sincere and high-minded, the young King was very popular and his marriage with Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz was the occasion of great rejoicings and festivities in London.

It was then nearly 100 years since the marriage of a reigning Sovereign, and this was one of the happiest events in the history of the British Monarchy.

The Queen possessed those womanly virtues and that high conception of her office which became a tradition with British royal ladies, and the King's conduct during a long reign ensured a respect for the Crown which it has never lost.

SNOWSTORM IN TURKEY

Over 100 People Killed

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Istanbul, To-day.

More than 100 persons are provisionally estimated to have lost their lives in the course of a violent snowstorm which raged throughout the country over the week-end. Upwards of 5,000 heads of cattle are also believed to have perished. — Trans-Ocean Service.

MR. LLOYD-GEORGE SELLS POULTRY

Mr. Lloyd George sold his 3,000 head of poultry last month at auction at his poultry farm at Churt.

THE RUT

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and then went on as though unconscious of the other's presence. "There we were all trailing along the same old rut day after day, and likely to go on doing it until the end of the chapter. Why? Because people, especially people without means, are mortally afraid of losing their way if they get out of the rut. It's safe, even if it doesn't lead anywhere. Well I've climbed out of it, and stand to win or lose. Thrilling, isn't it?"

Spiers thrust his hands deep into his pockets, and looked round with an air of mock defiance. "I suppose it is," said Crampton.

"But there, I can't imagine you being thrilled by anything," continued Spiers slyly. "And in a way I envy you. You're a planter; your plantation keeps you, and nothing else matters."

Crampton winced then smiled.

"In fact I'm one of your fellows down in the valley, or was it a rut?" he suggested whimsically.

"Now, you're getting at me."

"Not a bit. It's the truth."

"And it's the truth, that in a way I envy you," said Spiers, wriggling out of his chair and pacing the mat-strewn floor with puckered brow. "It's not so pleasant to have an incurable disease gnawing at your vitals, and that's what this amounts to," he indicated the canvases against the wall with a wave of the hand. "To be eternally chivvied by something inside of you that wants to be expressed. I tell you, Crampton, it's not all jam. Sometimes I wish—I wish—"

"Don't you get to wishing for anything else than what lies ahead of you," Crampton broke in. "You've chivvied all you can, and get out of here with the results as quick as the Lord will let you. I'm telling you now."

Spiers was surprised into silence. This was a new phase of Crampton's.

"I hope I haven't offended—"

he began.

"Offend nothing!" boomed the other. "You can't offend me, and as for envying me—" he laughed shortly, bitterly, and held out his two gnarled hands; then, turning abruptly, passed out into the blinding sunlight on the beach.

"Run old stick," mused Spiers. "I hope I haven't—ah, here they come!"

It was evening and the fishing canoes were drifting by to their village down the coast. Their crews chanted sonorously of Vonn, the great Turtle that had lured one of their ancestors to his death among the coral caverns of Sananda. From far away came the plaintive hoot of a coach. Already the night flowers were opening their waxy petals and spilling their store of fragrance on the stagnant air.

Spiers leant on the veranda railings, the languorous charm of it stealing over him like an opiate.

"At the bend in the red earth beach leading up to his bungalow, Crampton stopped to release a banana bud from a creeping vine. The wedding was disgracefully in arrears as usual. Then there was slipping day next Friday, and after that more wedding, more clearing, the eternal struggle with primal jungle, the eternal rut."

He passed on up the path.

That night, a whim seized Crampton. He played his symphony, the expression in music of all that had enchanted him during his early days in the islands. He played it on the only instrument immune to a tropical climate, the organ that had stood untouched in a corner of his untidy living room for over three years. It was this that had been his dream before the "Rut" claimed him, and "back there" Bataidi had deigned to say that he was promising.

The child of Crampton's genius rolled through the open windows into the night, and was lost among the groves. Delightfully simple of accomplishment, this dream of his had seemed five years ago. He was to go away and find some Elysium, where it would be possible to make a living while developing his talent, and return to take a capital by storm.

With an elaborate gesture and a pursing of the lips Bataidi had said that it was possible. Well, he had come to Sananda, he had contrived to live at Sananda, and he knew full well that he would die at Sananda. It was a way Sananda had. Crampton smiled whimsically as he played. If only it had not been necessary to live if only—Crampton's eyes caught the glimpse of a white sail

in the veranda doorway. It was the half-caste overseer come for the next day's orders. The music ceased.

"Clearing, Weelie," said Crampton, without turning his head. "We shall be choked out if we don't tackle the west block, and the bush track over the mangroves must be seen to before shipping day...."

The overseer withdrew noiselessly, but the spell was broken. Crampton put away his symphony and played no more. The next afternoon Spiers dropped in, hot and enthusiastic from the beach.

"Now that you've saved my life," he said, putting down an empty glass, "do you mind telling me what all this is?" He led Crampton on to the veranda, and one by one extracted from a native reed basket a weird assortment of South Pacific animalcules.

"It beats me that you never take a stroll," he babbled on. "I saw my first twelve-inch land crab to-day, and did you ever see anything like a rock pool for variety of life and colour? Unbelievable little beggars darting in and out of the coral or buried in the sand. For instance, what's this?"

"Beche de mer," said Crampton, leaning over the mess with tolerant smile.

"And this?"

"Trocs. You may think that your shirt buttons are mother-of-pearl, but they're not, they're trocs shell; \$2 per ton delivered in Sydney."

"Never saw such a fellow as you are for the commercial side of everything. Look at the colouring; isn't that worth more than money? What's this?"

Crampton did not answer. He was staring across the litter at a dull grey substance about the size of a coconut.

"Oh, I brought that along because I couldn't make it out," said Spiers. "Found it on the other side of the bay, half under the sand. It smells queer and looks queer, and that's as far as I got."

Crampton took it in his hand and weighed it thoughtfully. He was so long in answering that Spiers's active mind had already passed on to other matters.

"....it may sound futile," he was saying, "but why not? There are marine subjects; why not submarine? No one has ever really done it, and some of these coral gardens are infinitely more beautiful than anything we have on land. As a flight of fancy, what do you think....?"

Crampton heard him prattling on, but he was not listening. He was staring at the dull, grey substance in his hand. It was not until Spiers had taken his usual hurried departure in answer to his dinner call that Crampton realised he had not spoken. In a stride he was at the veranda rail, but Spiers was out of sight.

There was a dazed expression on Crampton's face, as he turned back to the living room. Why had he not spoken? Why was Spiers always in such an infernal hurry mentally and physically? If he would only give a little time to find his tongue; but no, he must go dashing off, leaving behind him a young fortune in the shape of a dull, grey substance about the size of a coco-nut.

Crampton placed it carefully on the table and stood looking dully at its unctuous sheen under the yellow light of the swinging lamp. There was not a doubt that it was ambergris. Neither was there a doubt that it was worth all of \$700.

And Spiers had found it. Fate the jester had seen to that. The irony of the thing wrung a mirthless laugh from Crampton. It was so natural, so exactly what happens in this comic-opera world.

A youth laughing through life stumbles on a prize that another toiling along the rut has spent his best years in a struggle to acquire and failed. The little overplus that makes things possible.

It was luck, fate, destiny, everything that was inexplicable, but it was a fact. Spiers could go "back there" now, and mould his dreams into reality in security and comfort. What could not he, Crampton, do with the same opportunity? The question impelled him towards his favourite chair, where he sat staring unseeing through the open window in the blue-black darkness.

Once, as though in a dream, he crossed the room to the organ. His hand was outstretched towards the symphony, then it was

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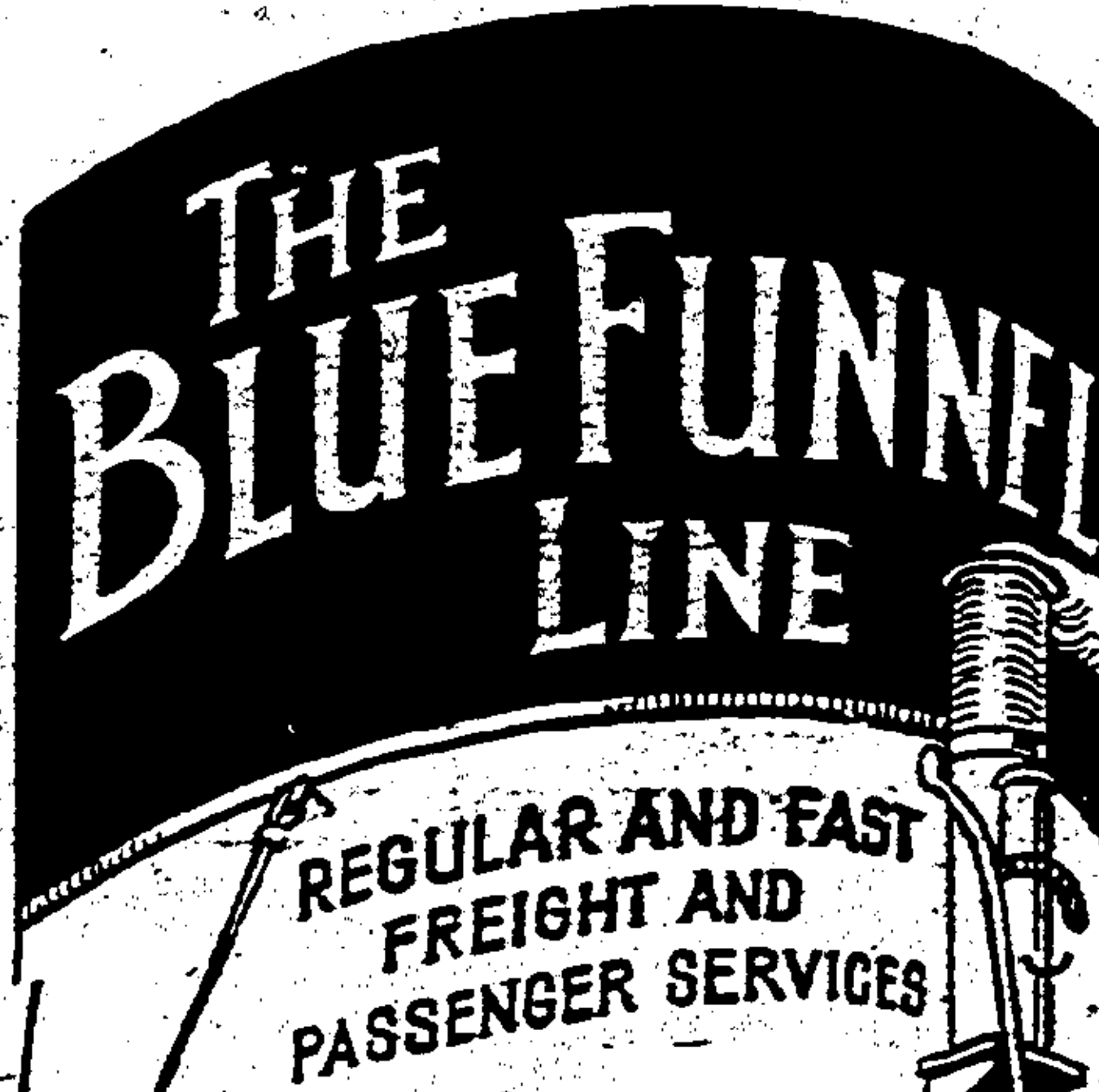
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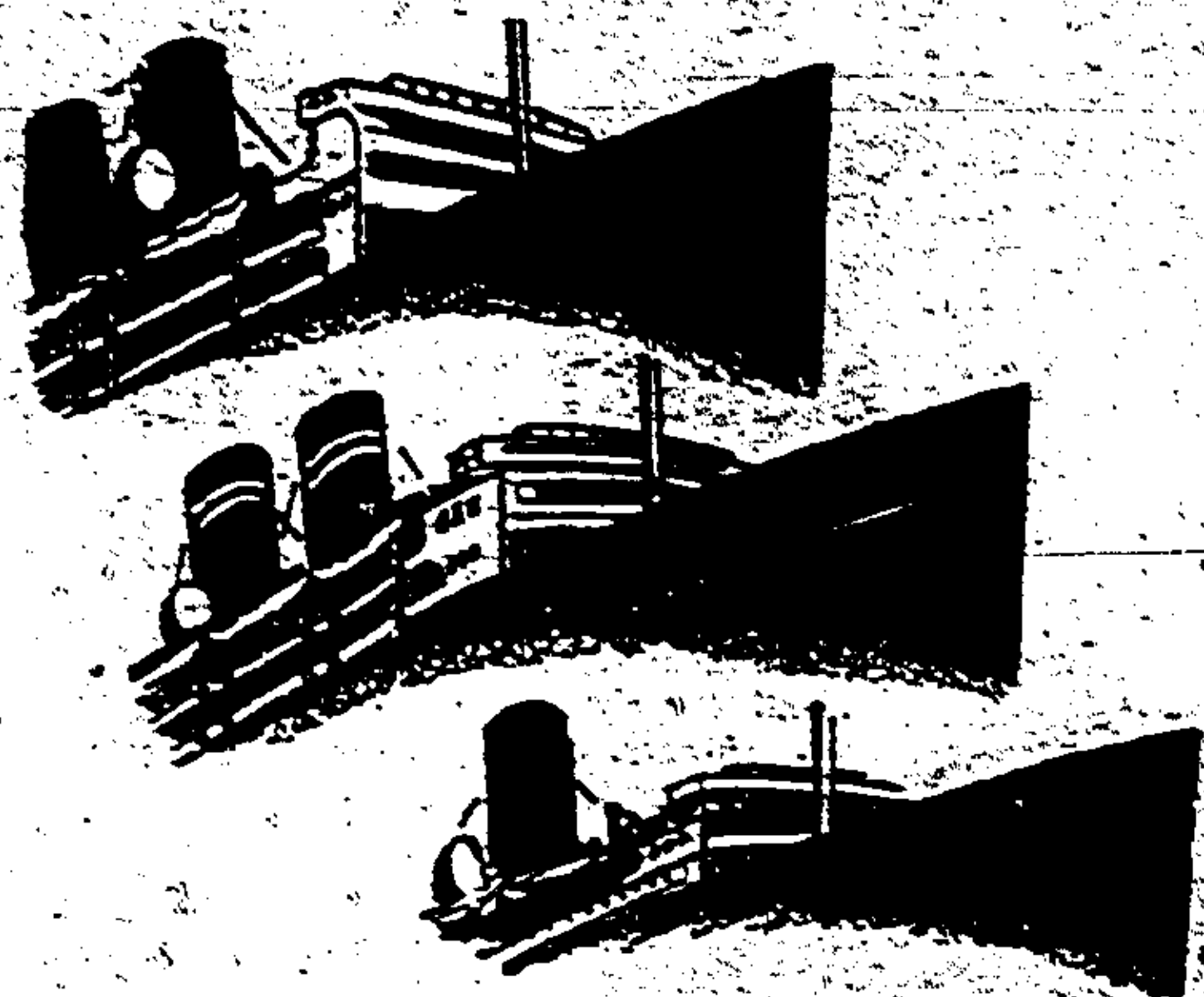
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MAKING FULL USE OF THE WICKETS

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L.R.W. Round The Wicket

I have met many people who think it is difficult for a bowler to obtain an l.b.w. decision when bowling round the wicket but that is not the case. So long as the conditions applying the l.b.w. decisions are fulfilled, the Umpire must give the batsman out whether the bowler is bowling over or round the wicket.

When discussing variations of length it may be wise to point out that a good length ball to-day may not be a good length ball to-morrow. It depends largely upon the state of the wicket. I learnt my cricket on a concrete pitch, which is, of course, the same from the one year's end to the other, but on turf the pitch may vary a good deal even in one day.

When the wicket is slow and easy the bowler must generally pitch the ball a little farther up, otherwise the batsman will be able to step back and play him comfortably, whereas on a fiery wicket the bowler may be able to drop his length slightly. At all times a slow bowler needs to pitch the ball farther up than a fast bowler, whilst a medium-pace bowler comes in between.

In the art of bowling a great deal depends upon concentrating certain types of bowling against varying types of batsmen.

Two Alternatives

Let me give you an outstanding example. Presuming the wicket to be a bowler's wicket after rain, one left-handed and one right-handed batsmen are batting together. Two bowlers of the same type are bowling, one being left-handed and the other right-handed.

To a right-hand batsman the left-hand bowler will most likely prove very difficult, spinning the ball away towards slips, whereas the right-hand bowler will have the left-hand batsman in difficulties for the same reason.

Obviously the bowlers should make every effort to see that each of them bowls against the batsman whose wicket he is most likely to obtain. The right-hand batsman will, of course, try to get the strike against the right-hand bowler, an end to which his partner should assist him, but it is the bowler's job to try to prevent such a thing happening. It becomes a battle of wits between the players.

We frequently see a certain batsman who is uncomfortable when facing a certain bowler. Under these circumstances, that bowler should be given every opportunity of obtaining that batsman's wicket at the earliest moment.

Breaking His "Duck"

When a new batsman arrives to commence his innings it is only natural that he wants to secure his first run, and so get off the dreaded "duck". Bowlers should always make a special effort to prevent the batsman securing his first run. The longer he is at the wickets without scoring the more unsettled he will very often become, and there are occasions when the batsman will make some unsound stroke in an effort to secure that first run, and so lose his wicket.

In the same way, we find occasionally one batsman well settled when a new player comes in, and the former will endeavour to take the strike for a few balls to give his partner a better chance. It is the bowler's job to prevent this, and so attack the incoming batsman as quickly as possible.

In certain circumstances it often pays to give a batsman one run to get the opportunity of bowling at the weaker partner. Too much emphasis cannot be given to the theory, "set a field and bowl to it." Playing in minor matches, it is customary to find an orthodox field set and the bowler, having no plan of attack, bowling rather aimlessly. When playing in the higher grades of cricket, against men who understand cricket, and who have made a study of it, we find close attention has been paid to the placing of the field for different types of bowling.

When an off field has been set, the batsman is very surprised if he receives a ball pitched outside the leg stump. This aspect of cricket is particularly noticeable with regard to the Englishmen even in County matches at home, with bowlers who are well below Test match standard. They are

THE RUT

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withdrawn. Perhaps he feared that if he played the temptation would be too strong. Who knows? It was only necessary to say nothing.

The moon rode clear of the palm-tops, and Crampton still sat motionless with opportunity in the shape of a dull grey substance at his elbow.

He thought that he was fighting with his conscience, that he was deciding what he would do, but in reality there was never a doubt. He told Spiers first thing in the morning.

The boy took it very calmly, it seemed to Crampton, almost casually.

"It's always been like that with me," he said, sitting up under the mosquito bar and grinning serenely over his knives. "Something generally turns up, doesn't it?" Crampton went back to his clearing.

"Do you know what's going to happen?" Spiers asked him that evening, and answered the question in the same breath. "We're going to Suva by Friday's boat to sell that stuff, see how my daubs look in a frame, and indulge in a mild celebration. Of course, you'll say 'no,' but that doesn't matter; you're coming. Sanamba will get you body and soul if you don't watch it."

Crampton smiled.

"I'll come and watch you get

extremely difficult to score from because they invariably set a well-placed field and bowl to it.

The Field

No matter whether the bowler is highly proficient in his art or a comparative novice, he can still try to think out ways and means of disposing of the batsman, and there should be no need for me to point out the fallacy of setting an off field and bowling outside the leg stump, or vice versa. Nevertheless, let me again stress this fact—"set a field and bowl to it."

This is, of course, a general principle, and every bowler will use his own judgment. If he thinks it wise occasionally to deliver a ball which is not in conformity with his field, in an effort to bring about the dismissal of the batsman, well and good, and of course it should be almost unnecessary to point out that a different field in some slight degree will probably be required for each batsman.

Must Have Weaknesses

There is scarcely any player who has not some weakness or some particularly strong point. The bowler should realise immediately where the strength and weakness lies, and place his men so that the batsman may be lured either into a false feeling of security or find his pet strokes covered, thereby forcing him to attempt other scoring shots in order to swell his total.

I can remember a player who scored fours with monotonous regularity for several matches, with magnificent cover drives. No effort was made to block this stroke, and consequently he went along his merry way picking up the runs in that spot match after match. The next time I saw this player in action, a concerted effort was made to prevent him scoring from this shot both by the method of bowling and the placing of the field with the result that his subsequent performances fell to a considerably lower level, and so it is with most batsmen.

No matter how proficient they may be, the success of their efforts may very often be minimised considerably by the whole-hearted co-operation of bowlers and fielders.

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Over 40 members of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and China Association attended a lunch party at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday afternoon in honour of Sir F. Leith-Ross.

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deed," he said. He knew the trip would be in the nature of a farewell, and he had come to like the boy. Already Spiers was itching for the tangible rewards of his toil amongst bricks and mortar and real live men and women, which was precisely as it should be.

So it was that for once Crampton accompanied his own produce to market when the rickety old "Andi Keba" sailed from Sanamba landing.

Un Suva Spiers was like a schoolboy let loose, and towards evening he became confidential. It was inevitable, and Crampton listened to his outpourings with an easy tolerance that grew to vague suspicion and finally alarm.

"This is good enough for me," the boy announced, at last. They were sitting on the hotel veranda at the time, with the harbour and the fantastic peaks of Viti Levu spread before them. "What's this thing called art, anyhow? What is it but a bubble which you chase most of your life, and bursts when you touch it? I tell you, Crampton, I've been thinking lately, I want something a bit more substantial, less high-falootin'. What's the matter with Sanamba and a trim little banana patch not a hundred miles from yours?"

He said a great deal more, and Crampton listened without comment, but with a dull foreboding in his heart. He recognised the symptoms from his own of early days, but their very unexpectedness in Spiers' case came as a shock. He was so alive, this boy, that the rut yawned for him like an open grave.

When it was over, and Spiers had announced his firm intention of calling at the Lands Office the next morning, Crampton went out into the glare of Victoria Parade, and walked under the mango trees beside the harbour. He knew that there was only one chance for Spiers, and he must have that chance. Crampton set off with unaccustomed briskness in the direction of the town. He had found certain matters to attend to.

Nothing but a make-would suit Spiers. The ambergris had been sold, and the celebration must follow, a native feast in true island fashion. Crampton arranged it all. Ratu Nasomi was an old friend of his, and that was enough. It was held in the guest house of a native village across the harbour.

Spiers' impression of it was a trifle vague. He remembered the excellent fish soup served in coconut shells, the turtle steak, and meaty taro root that melted in the mouth. Also, he had dim recollection of the mele that followed, the kava ceremony, a sonorous chanting and the swaying brown bodies of the dancers, but over all there was a strange and not unpleasant haze. Undoubtedly his celebration was a huge success.

Dreams followed. It was as though he soared in mid-air for a space, then floated to the accompaniment of splashing water. A touch of nightmare was supplied by a meaningless but tough struggle against heavy odds, to be followed almost immediately by peace in oblivion.

The conspirators stood on the wharf, watching the stern lights of the floating hotel grow fainter down the harbour fairway.

"I have no notion what it was all about," said Ratu Nasomi, who prided himself upon his faultless English. "But I presume we may regard our efforts as a success."

"Ah, the kava," murmured Ratu Nasomi. "It is a congratulation of our own. My grandfather, but perhaps, that is best left in obscurity. As long as it has been of use, old friend, its mention has been vindicated."

"I think it has been of use," mused Crampton, still staring after the dwindling stern lights.

"And so you do not approve of my poor country?" Ratu Nasomi flicked his cigar ash into the South Pacific.

"For some people, no."

"And your friend was one?" Crampton nodded.

"Promising, perhaps?" "Sufficiently so" to be given a chance.

"You may be right," reflected Ratu Nasomi, "and I do not doubt your intentions were of the best, but you have my sympathy if he takes it into his head to come back."

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Crampton hunched his lean shoulders in a way he had

"I hardly think he will," he answered absently, "not with a first single for a temperate zone, a bracing breeze blowing through the porthole of a morning, and his career to discuss with a pretty girl who's a good listener. Then there are the pictures, isn't there, looking through these before the day's out. San Francisco's a good long way to think about coming back from."

Crampton smiled his wry smile.

"All the same, I should like to see him when he wakes up, signed the Allegretto instead of the Andi Keba," he added thoughtfully. These fell a silence between them, broken at last by Ratu Nasomi's inevitable invitation. It brought Crampton out of his reverie. "Thanks, no," he said, turning towards a rickety little steamer unloading bananas along the wharf. "I may be getting back to the— to Sanamba."

(The End.)



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STATEMENT IN COMMONS

London, To-day.

The Dominions Secretary, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, who last Tuesday was elected member for Ross and Cromarty in the by-election due to the retirement of the sitting National Liberal member, took his seat in the House of Commons yesterday at the end of question time.

The previous Under-secretary for the Dominions, Mr. Douglas Hacking, made the following statement on relations with the Irish Free State: "As a result of discussions during the last few weeks it had been agreed that the arrangement made a year ago in regard to the export of coal from the United Kingdom to the Irish Free State and of cattle from the Irish Free State to the United Kingdom, on a pound for pound basis, shall be continued."

"Following the arrangement of a year ago the United Kingdom exports of coal to the Irish Free State in 1935 were 1,000,000 tons greater than in 1934 and it is anticipated that there will be a further increase in 1936. It will be remembered that the Irish Free State Government have recently removed the duty of five shillings per ton on United Kingdom coal."

Mutual Reductions
Further, the United Kingdom Government will reduce by 10 per cent. *ad valorem*, or by a corresponding proportion, in the case of specific duties, the existing duties on livestock and on meat, except pigs and pig-meat, and will make additional reductions in the duties on horses, sheep and lambs and mutton and lamb. Minor adjustments will also be made in reduced cattle duties.

"Arrangements for the regulation of imports of bacon and ham into the United Kingdom in 1936 will provide for an increase of 10 per cent in supplies from the Irish Free State as compared with 1935. The Irish Free State Government for their part will reduce by 10 per cent. *ad valorem*, or by a corresponding proportion in the case of specific duties, the existing emergency duties on United Kingdom goods."

"Finally, the Irish Free State Government will reserve for the United Kingdom one-third of the imports of cement into the Irish Free State, practically the whole of which has come from foreign countries in recent years. The reductions of duties on both sides will take effect to-morrow, Wednesday February 19.—Reuter.

BRITAIN AND SOVIET

Commercial Treaty
Negotiations

London, To-day.

Questioned in the House of Commons yesterday regarding the negotiations for a commercial treaty in place of the temporary agreement with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, said that he could not agree that there had been any undue delay in considering commencing the negotiations for a formal treaty, and assured the House that the position of Anglo-Soviet trade and the possibility of improving it was under constant consideration, and in that connection the British claims were continually borne in mind.—British Wireless Service.

CABINET CRISIS IN GREECE

Negotiations Prove
Difficult

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
Athens, To-day.

The Cabinet crisis still continues. Negotiations are going on between M. M. Tsaldaris and Sephoulis, but are proving extremely difficult, so that it is still uncertain whether a strong Government can be formed by the collaboration of these two parties.

The Chamber meets on February 26, when the Speech from the Throne will be delivered.—Trans-Ocean Service.

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Belt de Digne, 18 to 1.
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Blue Prince, 25 to 1, 25 to 1.
Adventure, 25 to 1.
Brienz, 25 to 1.
Zingaro, 33 to 1.
Screamer, 33 to 1.
Jovial Lad, 33 to 1.
Hyndfordbridge, 33 to 1.
Princess Herodene, 40 to 1, and a.
Spasm, 40 to 1.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE

The call-over for the Lincolnshire Handicap, which will be run on March 25, is as follows:—

Pink, 100 to 8, t and a.
Boethius, 100 to 6.
Sea Bequest, 18 to 1.
Overcast, 20 to 1, 25 to 1.
Law Court, 20 to 1.
Lording, 22 to 1, 25 to 1.
Precious Pearl, 25 to 1, t and a.
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AUSTRALIA WIN EASILY

S. Africa Collapse In
Fourth Test

GRIMMETT 7 FOR 40

Johannesburg, To-day.

The Fourth Test match between Australia and South Africa, which began here on Saturday, ended yesterday in a win for the Australians by an innings and 184 runs.

Continuing their innings yesterday, the Australians took their overnight score of 185 for 3 to 439, and then proceeded to dismiss the home team for 99, Clarence Grimmett taking 7 for 40.

South Africa: 157 (L. J. Siedle 44; W. J. O'Reilly 5 for 20) and 98 (E. Mitchell 48, not out, C. V. Grimmett 7 for 40).

Australia: 439 (W. O'Brien 59, W. A. Oldfield 44, W. J. O'Reilly 56 not out; L. Davies 4 for 75).

SPURS WIN CUP REPLAY

Bradford Beaten In
London

London, To-day.

After holding Bradford to a goalless draw in their away Fifth Round F.A. Cup tie on Saturday last, Tottenham Hotspur yesterday entered the Sixth Round when they won the replay at White Hart Lane by 2 goals to 1.—Reuter.

The Spurs will visit Sheffield United in the South Round on February 29.

GOOD BUSINESS DONE

British Industries Fair
Opens

London, To-day.

The British Industries Fair opened yesterday with over 1,400 exhibitors, who expect that more business will be done this year. There was a rush of overseas buyers, among the first arrivals of whom was a Moroccan chief in native dress.

That the piano industry is particularly well patronised is indicated by the fact that 1½ hours after the opening of the Fair eight piano firms had sold all their exhibits.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

SPECIAL ENVOY IN NANKING

Nanking, To-day.—Mr. Wei Kozu, special envoy to meet Mr. Hu Han-min, arrived here from Shanghai by plane yesterday morning to present the letter from Mr. Hu to General Chiang Kai-shek.—Central News Agency.

DANZIG AND POLAND

Future Relations
Outlined

ABSOLUTELY INDEPENDENT
OF LEAGUE?

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
Warsaw, To-day.

Dr. Greiser, President of the Senate of the Free City of Danzig, who is at present taking part in a hunting party as the guest of the President of Poland, in a conversation with pressmen yesterday, said that he was well pleased with the present relations between Danzig and Gdynia, the relationship between the two ports having in the past often given cause for great tension.

Further negotiations were being started shortly, and favourable results in all parts were expected.

Concerning the League of Nations' recommendations of last December, Dr. Greiser said that they would be complied with by Danzig in the near future, as the jurists had now found a way to comply with them. But concerning the proposed report on Danzig by Mr. Anthony Eden, Dr. Greiser stated that that was absolutely unacceptable, as the Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, immediately recognised Danzig and Poland would in future regulate their relations independent of the League of Nations.—Trans-Ocean Service.

CHINA'S NEW LIFE MOVEMENT

Second Anniversary
Celebrated

Nanking, To-day.

The second anniversary of the launching of the New Life Movement sponsored by General Chiang Kai-shek will be celebrated at a meeting at the Officers' Moral Endeavour Association to-morrow morning.

Simultaneously it is understood that the progress of the movement for the last two years in the capital will be inspected by a party of high Government officials headed by General Chiang.—Central News Agency.

SUDDEN TRIP BY STATESMAN

Austrian Minister Goes
To Florence

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
Rome, To-day.

The sudden trip of the Austrian Foreign Minister to Florence has given rise to a host of speculations as to its object.

An authoritative statement yesterday stated that most probably the Secretary of State, Signor Surich, will pay a courtesy call on Baron von Berger-Waldenegg, but it is stressed in Italian quarters that the Austrian statesman desires privacy, being on a week's leave, and will not be disturbed.—Trans-Ocean Service.

U.S. SENATE

Huge Appropriations
Passed

Washington, To-day.

The Senate has passed the Independent Offices Appropriation Bill, carrying the appropriation of \$1,730,000,000 to pay the war veterans' bonus, \$440,000,000 to finance President Roosevelt's new farm programme, and \$880,000,000 to run independent Government offices for the fiscal year 1936-37.

The Bill has been returned to the House of Representatives for approval of amendments adding to the first two mentioned appropriations.—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone continues to gain intensity slowly, pressure remains highest to the north of Shanghai. A deep depression lies to the south of Hokkaido and a shallow depression covers Indo-China and the north part of the China Sea. Light southerly or variable winds, freshening later from the north-east, cloudy generally, with fog mist, or light rain, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

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